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RELATIONSHIP?












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I NEVER
EVEN
THOUGHT
I'D BE
ABLE
TO TELL
ANYONE
ABOUT IT.

V
S
H
H

I NEVER
THOUGHT
THIS
DREAM
WOULD
COME
TRUE.



JUST
THINKING...
IT'S SO
SILKY, I'M
JEALOUS.

MINE'S
REALLY
THIN.



HMM
?

HA
HA
HA.

...
PETTING
MY HAIR
FOR A
WHILE
NOW.

WHAT'S
UP?
YOU'VE
JUST
BEEN
...



AND,
YOU
KNOW
...

...AND
IT'S
SO...
...
NICE.

...I'M JUST
THINKING
ABOUT HOW
I'M DATING
A WOMAN
FOR REAL
...



...
RIGHT
HERE
...

LIKE
...

WOMEN
HAVE A LOT
OF OTHER
GOOD
PLACES
TO PET,
Y'KNOW.

OH
YEAH
?
MY
HAIR
SPARKED
ALL
THAT?

FWIP

HEY!

SHHF



I'VE
GOT AN
EARLY
CLASS
TOMORROW.
I SHOULD
GET TO
SLEEP
...

ARE WE
REALLY
GOING
TO DO IT
AGAIN
?

C'MON.

WE
SHOULDN'T.



B
L
U
S
H

YOU'RE
ALWAYS
SO EASY
TO READ,
MIWA.

W...



I CAN
SEE IT
ON YOUR
FACE...

UMM...

YOU SAY
THAT, BUT
I DON'T
THINK
SLEEP IS
ON YOUR
MIND
RIGHT
NOW.

RUSTLE

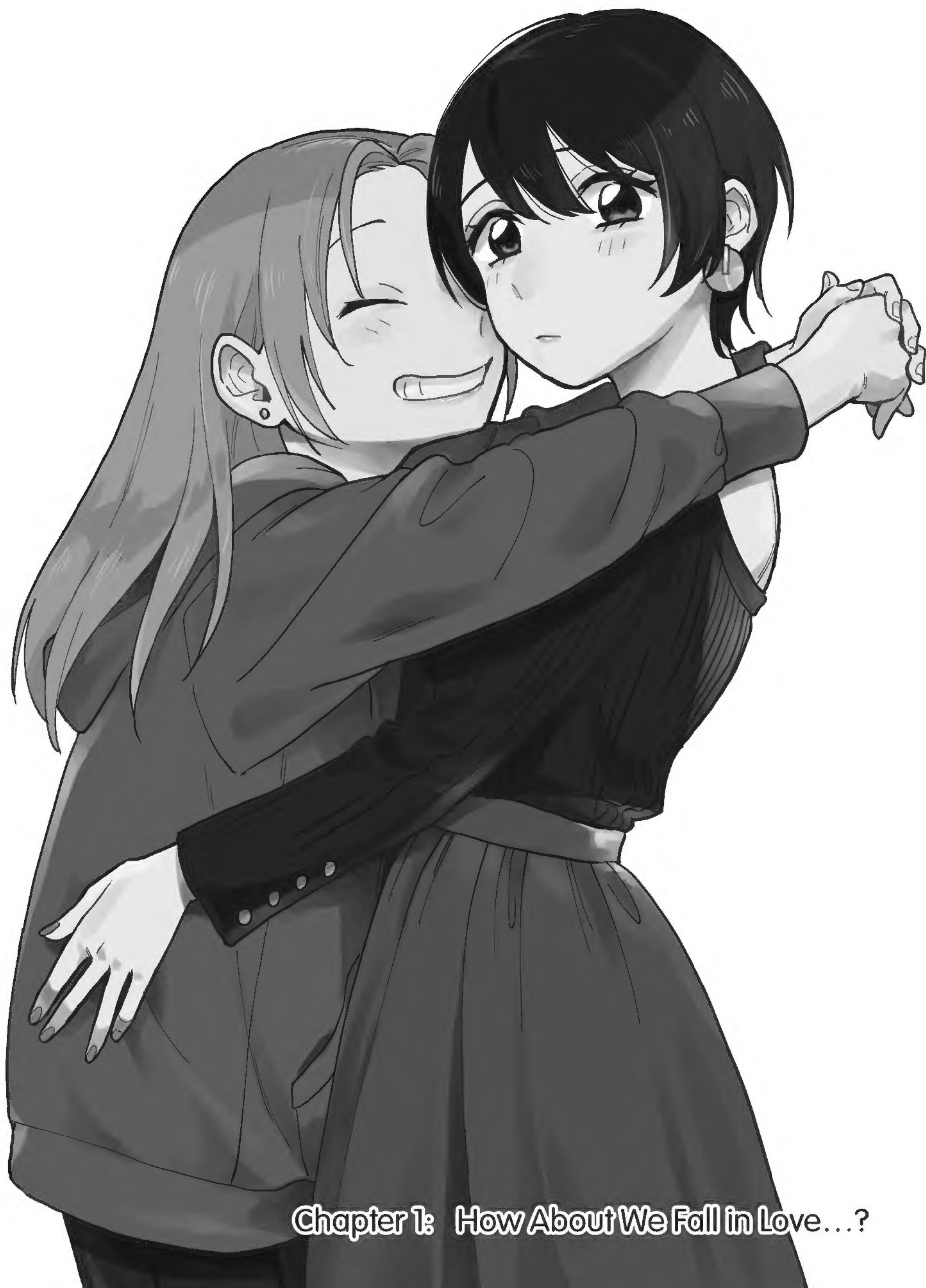
RUSTLE



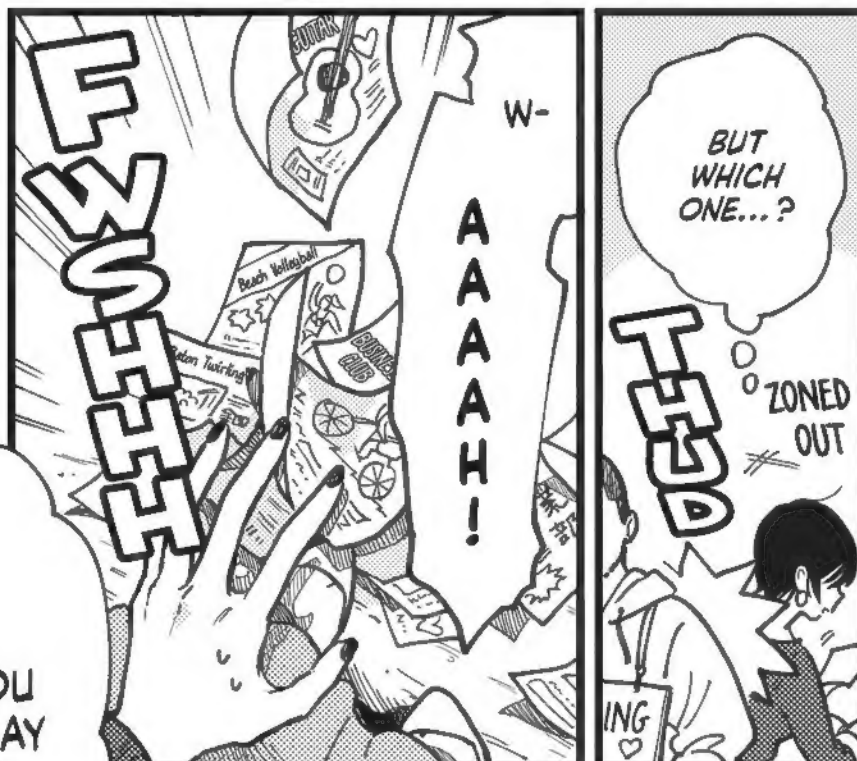
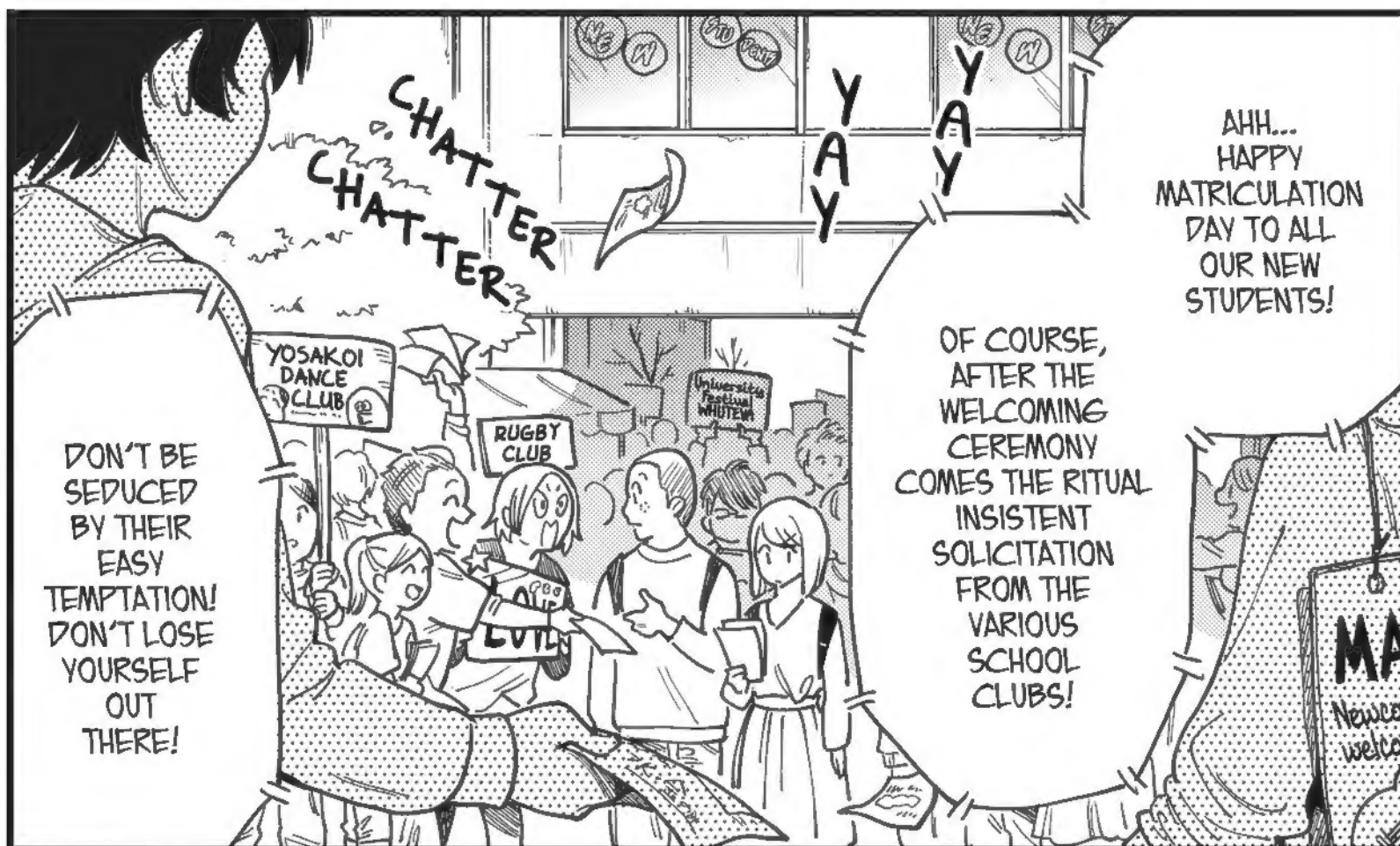
...MY LIFE IS
SO FUN I
CAN HARDLY
BELIEVE IT!

AND NOW
THAT I'M
LIVING MY
DREAM...

I LOVE
WOMEN.
I WANT
TO DATE
WOMEN.



Chapter 1: How About We Fall in Love...?







I-I TOLD
YOU I WAS
SORRY,
THOUGH!

PLUS,
LIKE,
YOUR
BOOBS
ARE...

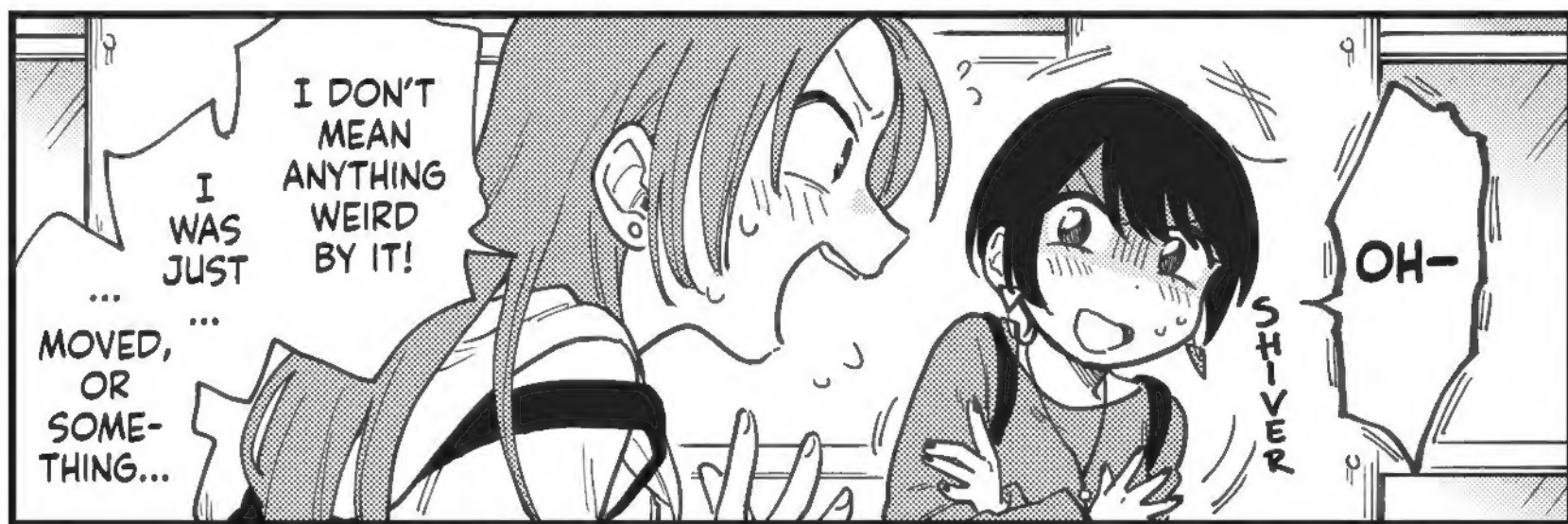
...
REALLY
AWE-
SOME
...



I CAN'T
HELP BUT
WONDER
HOW
IN THE
WORLD
...

...I
ENDED
UP BEING
FRIENDS
WITH YOU
AFTER
THAT.

THAT WAS
THE WORST
FIRST
IMPRESSION
OF ALL TIME,
SAEKO.



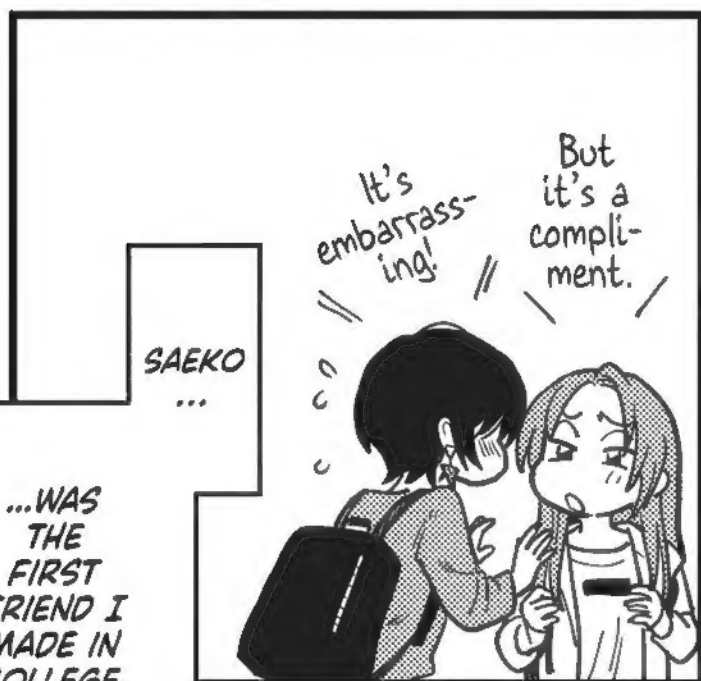
I DON'T
MEAN
ANYTHING
WEIRD
BY IT!

I
WAS
JUST

...
MOVED,
OR
SOME-
THING...

OH-

SHIVER



It's
embarrass-
ing!

But
it's a
compliment.

SAEKO
...

...WAS
THE
FIRST
FRIEND I
MADE IN
COLLEGE.



LIKE...
AESTHETIC
BEAUTY,
RIGHT?

I JUST
ADMIRE YOUR
TITS, AS
A FELLOW
WOMAN...

I-I
GET IT
ALREADY!
STOP!



SEE
YOU IN
CLASS
LATER!

SUP,
HOW
YOU
DOIN' ?

HEY,
SAEKO!



...SO
I WAS
SURE OUR
PERSON-
ALITIES
WOULD
CLASH.

Hey,
wanna
skip the
next
lecture?

SHE'S
ALWAYS
LIKE
THIS...

Oh,
c'mon,
I was
kidding!



SURE!
THE
MORE
THE
MERRIER,
RIGHT?

OH...
ARE
YOU
SURE ?

...AND I
THINK Y'ALL
MIGHT GET
ALONG
PRETTY
WELL!

I'LL
INTRODUCE
YOU
SOMETIME!



OH,
THEY'RE
IN THE
SAME
DEPARTMENT
AS ME...



BUT SHE'S
ACTUALLY
A PRETTY
NICE
PERSON...

YOU
THINK
?

...AND
WE JUST
ENDED UP
GETTING
ALONG.

SAEKO,
YOU MIGHT
MAKE
FRIENDS A
LITTLE TOO
EASILY.

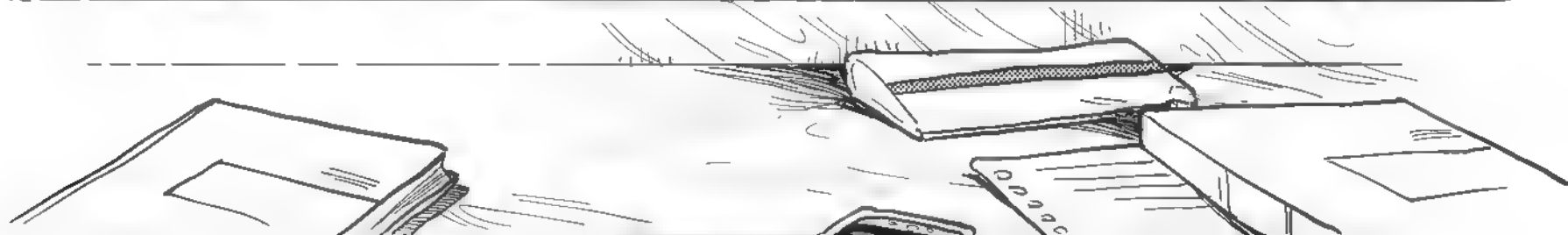




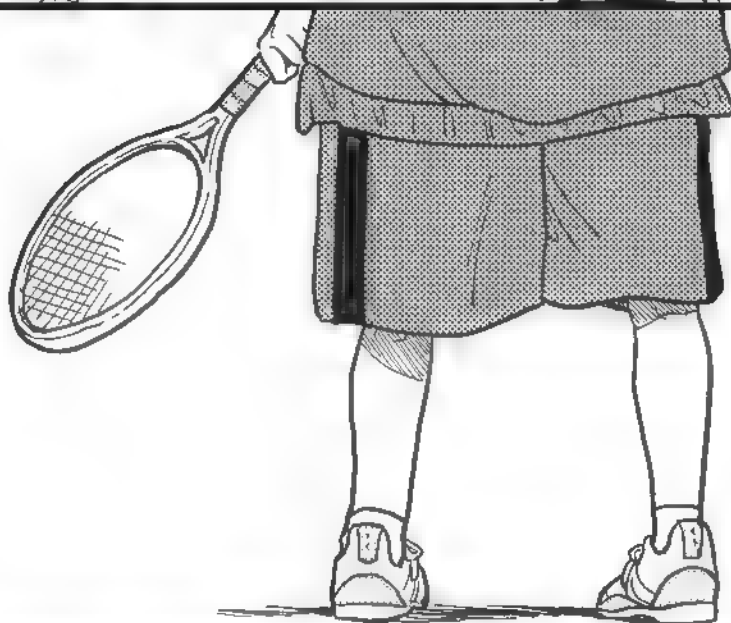


Okay, let's
start
today's
lecture...

NO
ONE I'VE
LIKED HAS
EVER LIKED
ME BACK...



...BUT IN
THE END
I NEVER
ACTUALLY
TOLD HER.



IN HIGH
SCHOOL,
I HAD A
HUGE CRUSH
ON A GIRL
WHO WAS
A LITTLE
OLDER THAN
ME...



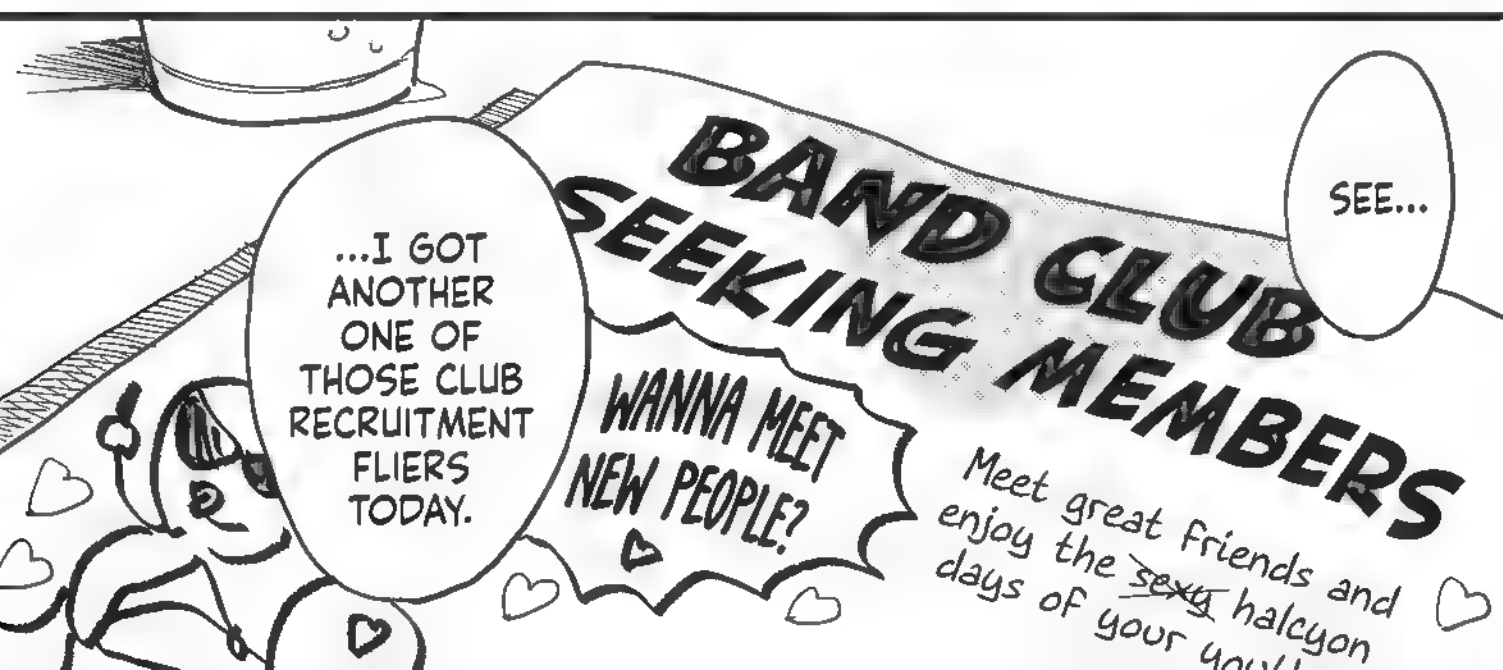
...BUT
WE GOT
CLOSE
DURING
CLUB
ACTIVITIES
...

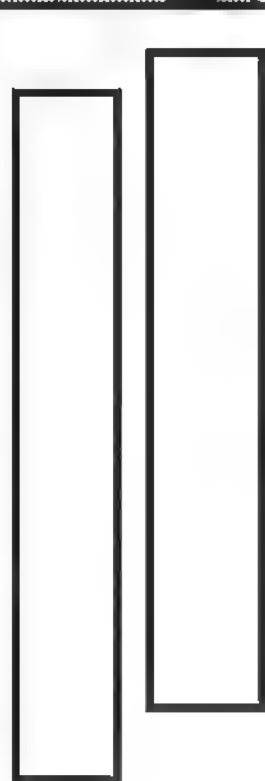
IT'S NOT
LIKE WE
WENT
OUT OR
ANY-
THING...



...AND
WE'D
OFTEN
SKIP AND
JUST GO
HANG OUT
TOGETHER.









ALL
RIGHT,
CHEERS
!



I THINK
THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME
MOST OF
YOU HAVE
MET...

...SO LET'S
USE THIS
PARTY TO
DRINK AND
GET TO
KNOW EACH
OTHER!

MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR

'KAY,
ALL
YOU
FIRST-
YEARS!
THANKS
FOR
JOINING
THE BAND
CLUB!



THIS
IS...

...THE
FIRST
TIME
I'VE HAD
ALCOHOL
...

TINK

HA
HA
HA

MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR

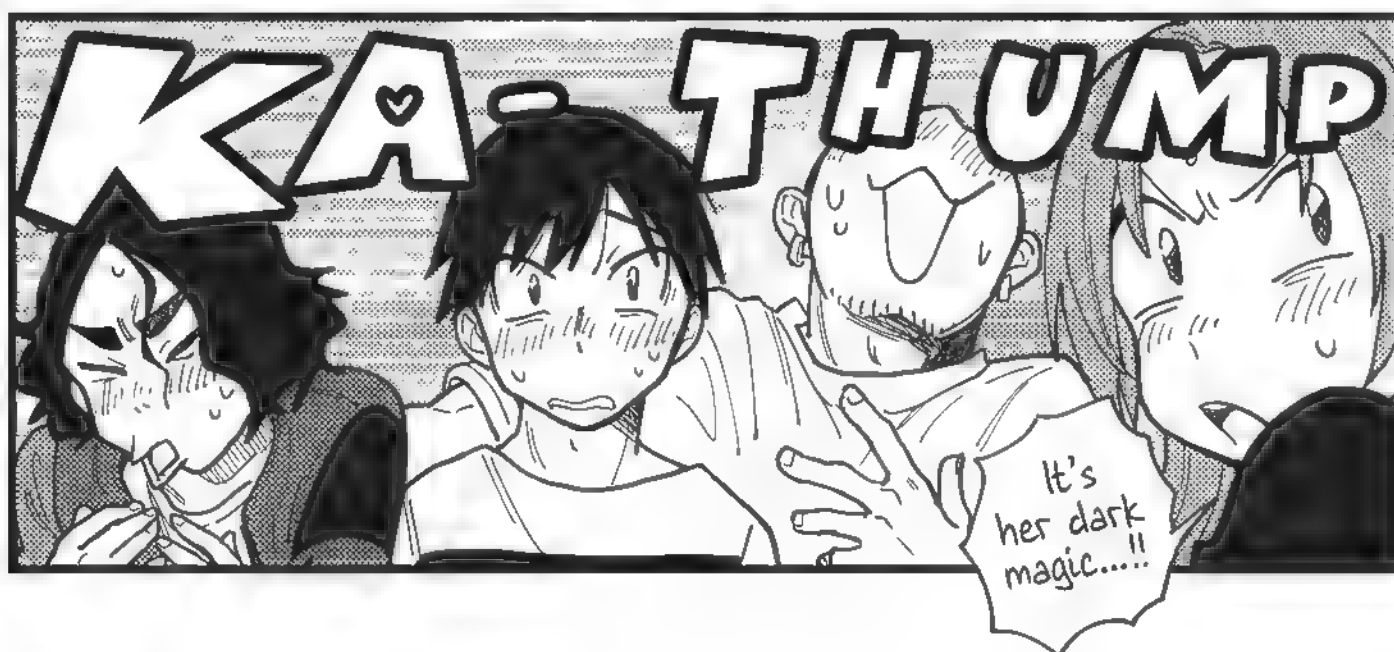


YEAH??
I REALLY
LOVE
THAT
BAND,
TOO!

I
TOTALLY
WENT
TO THEIR
LAST
CONCERT
!!

H/C

I FEEL
FLOATY
...

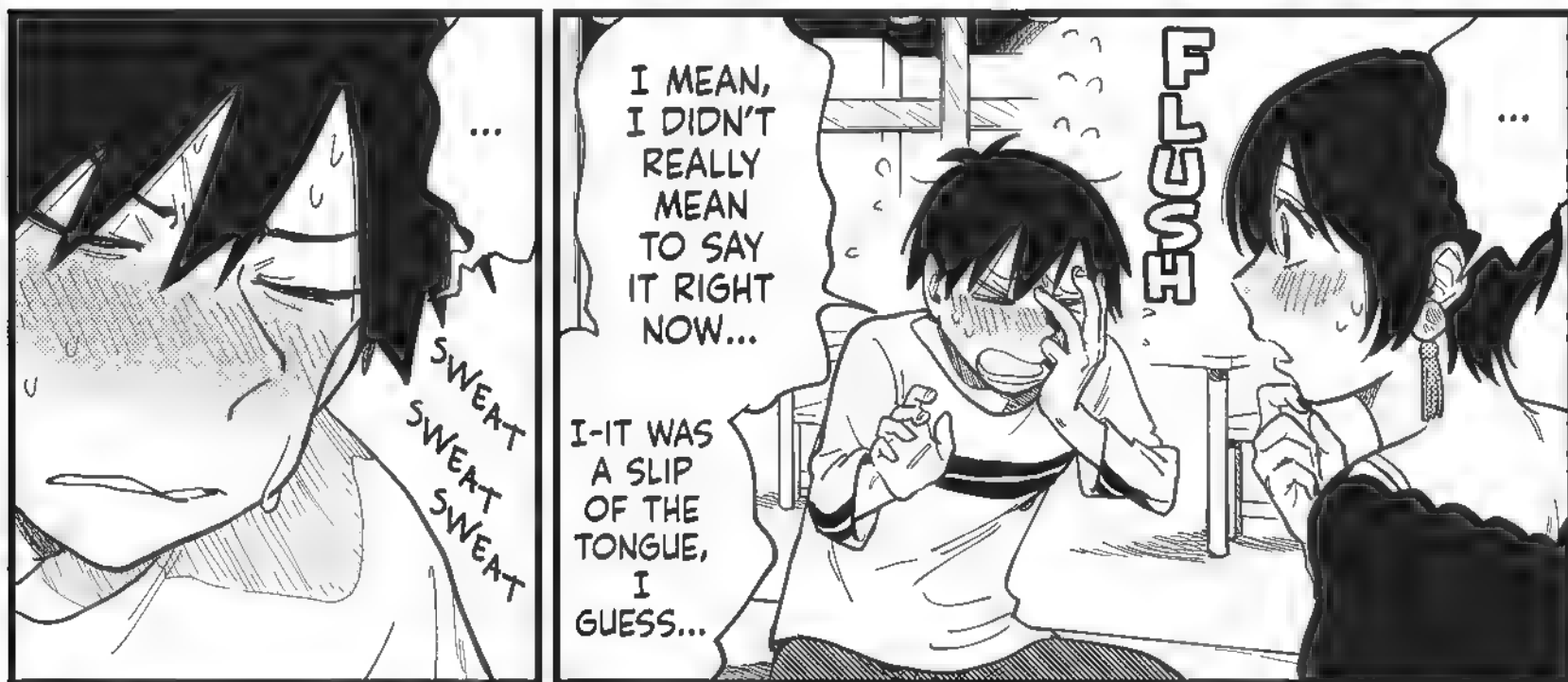


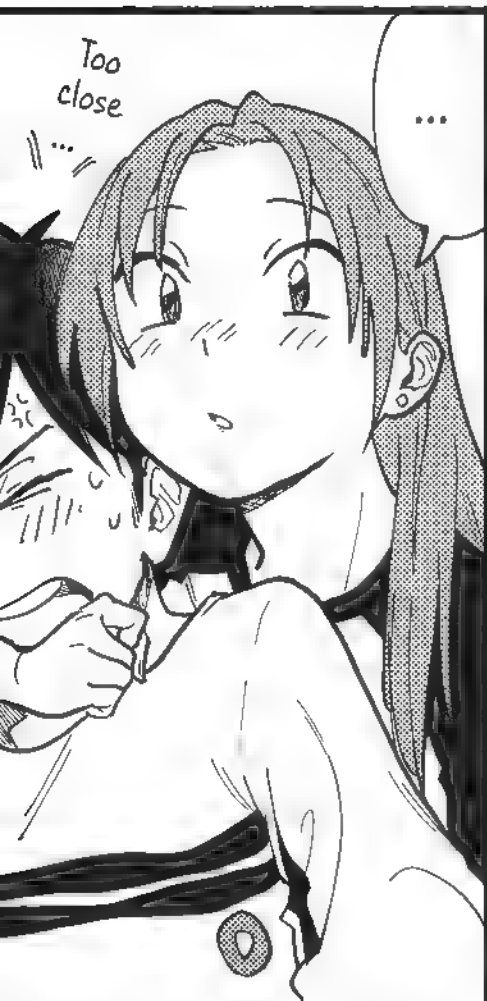
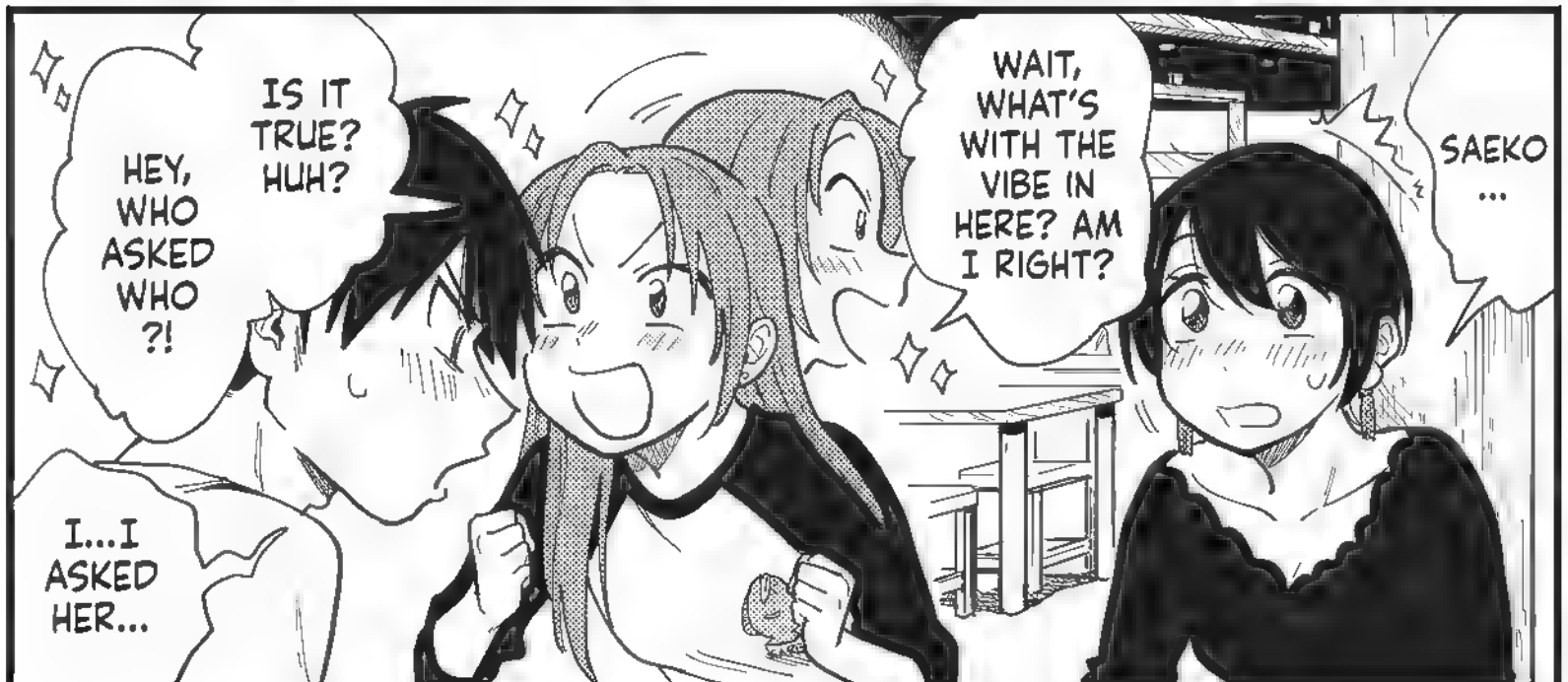














I
MEAN, I
TOTALLY
GET HOW
YOU FEEL!

MIWA'S
SUPER
CUTE,
AFTER
ALL...

YEAH,
BUT
LIKE,
ASIDE
FROM
ALL
THAT
...
...ISN'T
IT A
LITTLE
TOO
FAST TO
BE ASKING
HER OUT?
YOU GUYS
ONLY MET
TODAY,
Y'KNOW?



STOP IT!
DON'T
THREATEN
ME...

SHIVER



He's so
beefy,
y'know
...

I FEEL LIKE
LUCHA'S
FULL-
POWER
JEALOUSY
PUNCH
WOULD
REALLY
HURT...



GUH?!
ARE YOU
SERIOUS
?

WHAT
WOULD
THAT DO
TO YOUR
FRIEND-
SHIP WITH
THOSE
GUYS?

BUT
DIDN'T YOU
MAKE A
NO-DIBS
PACT WITH
MIKKUN
AND
LUCHA?

Mikkun

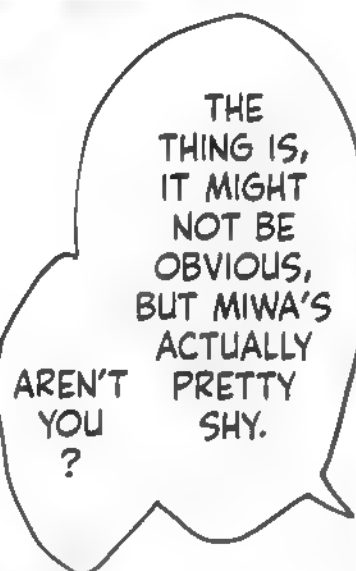


Lucha



UH,
ER...

YEAH.



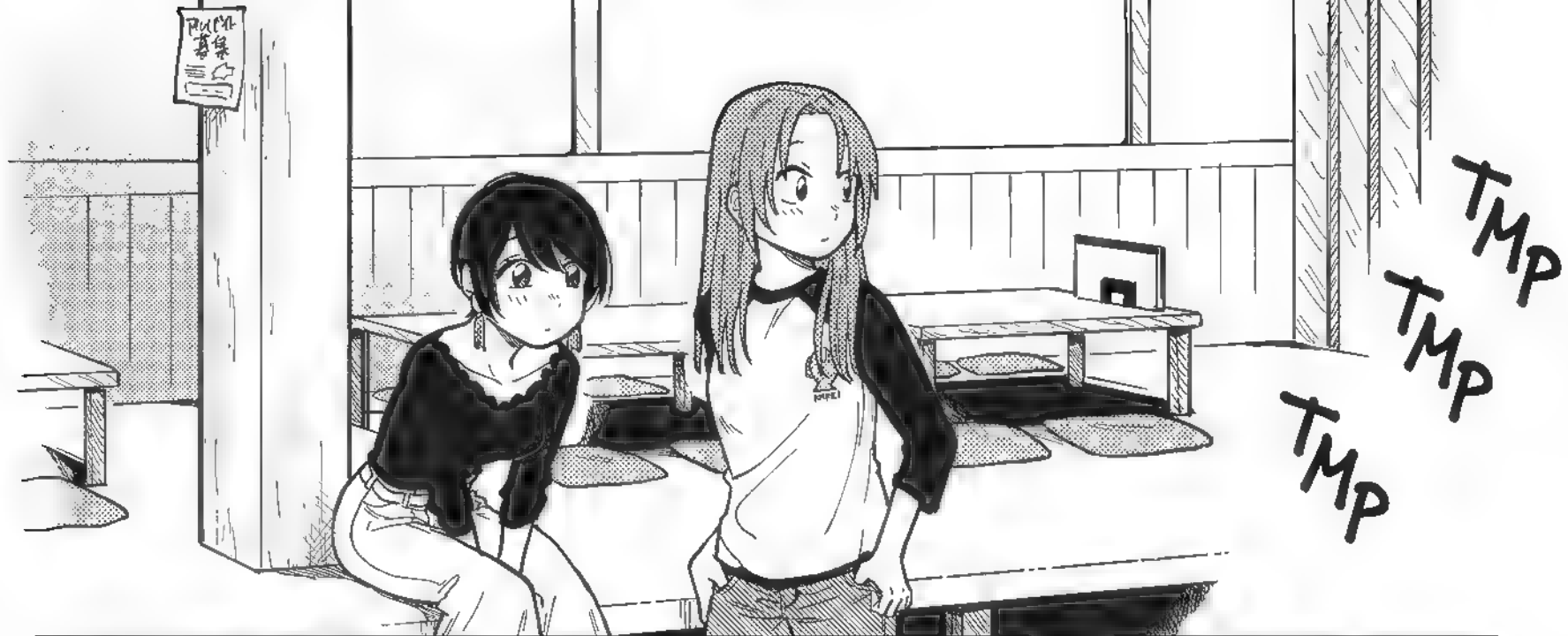
AREN'T
YOU
?

THE
THING IS,
IT MIGHT
NOT BE
OBVIOUS,
BUT MIWA'S
ACTUALLY
PRETTY
SHY.



I'M
NOT
REALLY
THREATEN-
ING YOU.







SORRY, I'VE GOT TO CATCH THE LAST TRAIN...

MIWA, YOU COMING TO THE AFTER-PARTY?

THAT'S ALL!

IF YOU WANT TO GO TO AN AFTER-PARTY OR AN AFTER-AFTER-PARTY, YOU KIDS CAN FIGURE IT OUT ON YOUR OWN!

WELL, THIS IS THE END OF THE PARTY, FOLKS!

YAKITORI * MOTSUNA

Mocharero

LARGE GROUP BANQUET HALL



WHAAA?!

SORRY! I ACTUALLY WANNA GO HOME!



SAEKO! C'MON, LET'S GO!



YEAH, IT'S FINE!

I CAN HANG OUT WITH THOSE GUYS SOME OTHER TIME!

HUH? ARE YOU SURE?





I WANT
TO GET
TO
KNOW
HER
BETTER.

I FEEL
LIKE I
REALLY
CARE
ABOUT
HER...
AS A
FRIEND.

...BUT
I FEEL
LIKE IF
PUSH
COMES
TO
SHOVE,
I CAN
REALLY
RELY ON
HER.

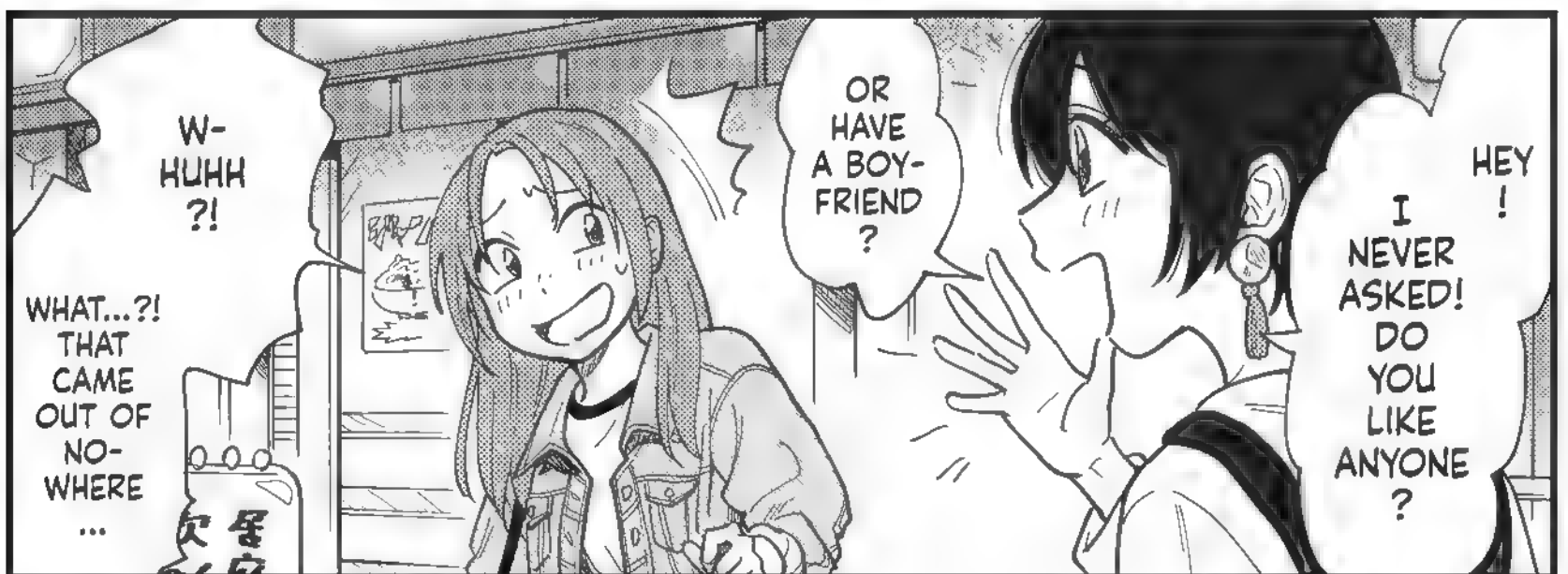
...AND
SHE
DOES
MESS
WITH ME
A LOT
...

THINGS
WERE
PRETTY
SURFACE-
LEVEL THE
DAY WE
BECAME
FRIENDS...



AH

NOT IN A
ROMANTIC
WAY, OR
ANYTHING.
IT'S
DIFFERENT
THAN
THAT...



W-
HUHH
?!

WHAT...?!
THAT
CAME
OUT OF
NO-
WHERE
...

OR
HAVE
A BOY-
FRIEND
?

HEY
!
I
NEVER
ASKED!
DO
YOU
LIKE
ANYONE
?



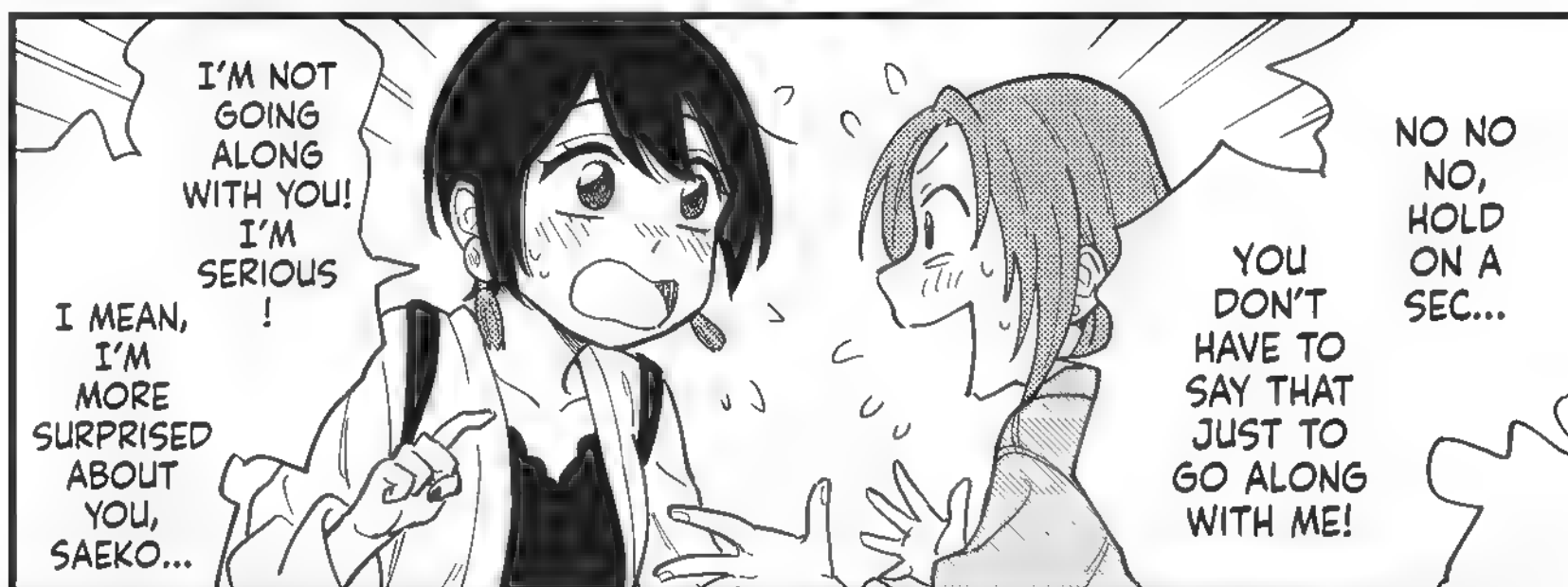
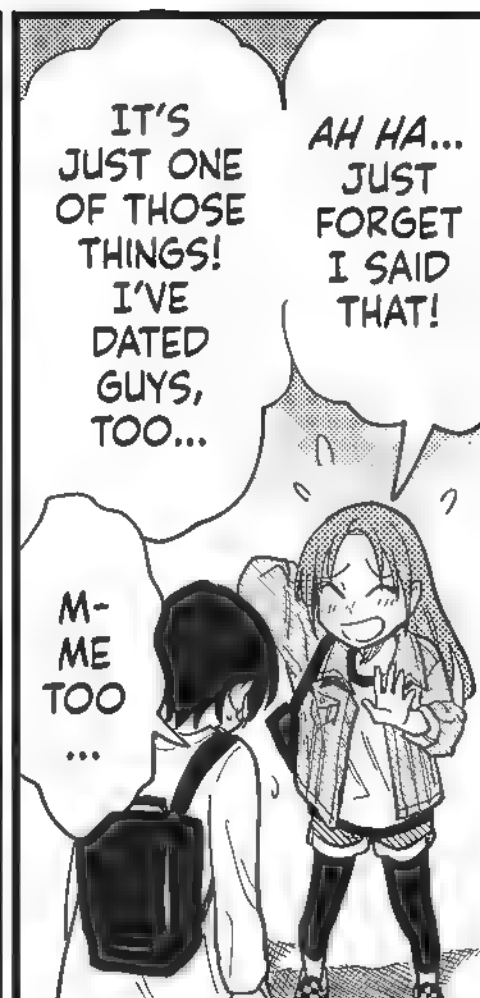
GAHH...
ARE YOU
SERIOUS
?

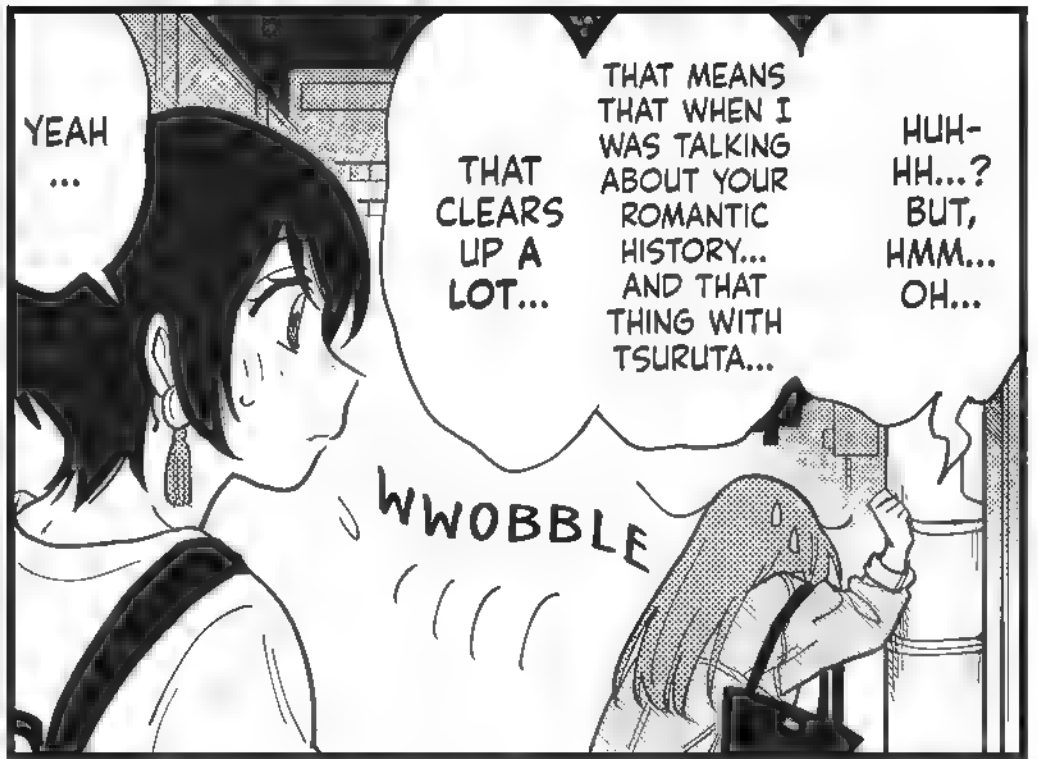
IT'S SO
NOT FAIR.
WE CAN'T
JUST TALK
ABOUT
ME!

COME
ON, I'VE
NEVER
HEARD
ANYTHING
ABOUT
YOUR LOVE
LIFE!









YEAH
...

THAT
CLEARS
UP A
LOT...

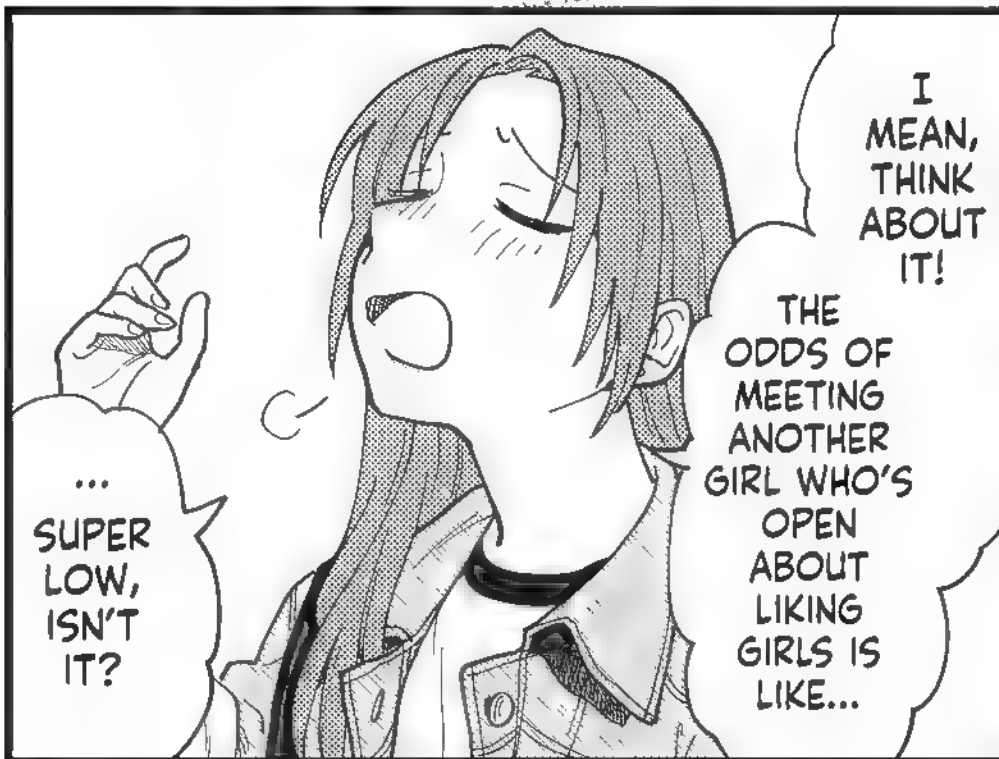
THAT MEANS
THAT WHEN I
WAS TALKING
ABOUT YOUR
ROMANTIC
HISTORY...
AND THAT
THING WITH
TSURUTA...

HUH-
HH...?
BUT,
HMM...
OH...

WWOBBLE

NOW
THAT WE
KNOW...
YOU
WANNA
GO OUT
WITH ME
?

HEY,
SO,
Y'KNOW
...



...
SUPER
LOW,
ISN'T
IT?

I
MEAN,
THINK
ABOUT
IT!

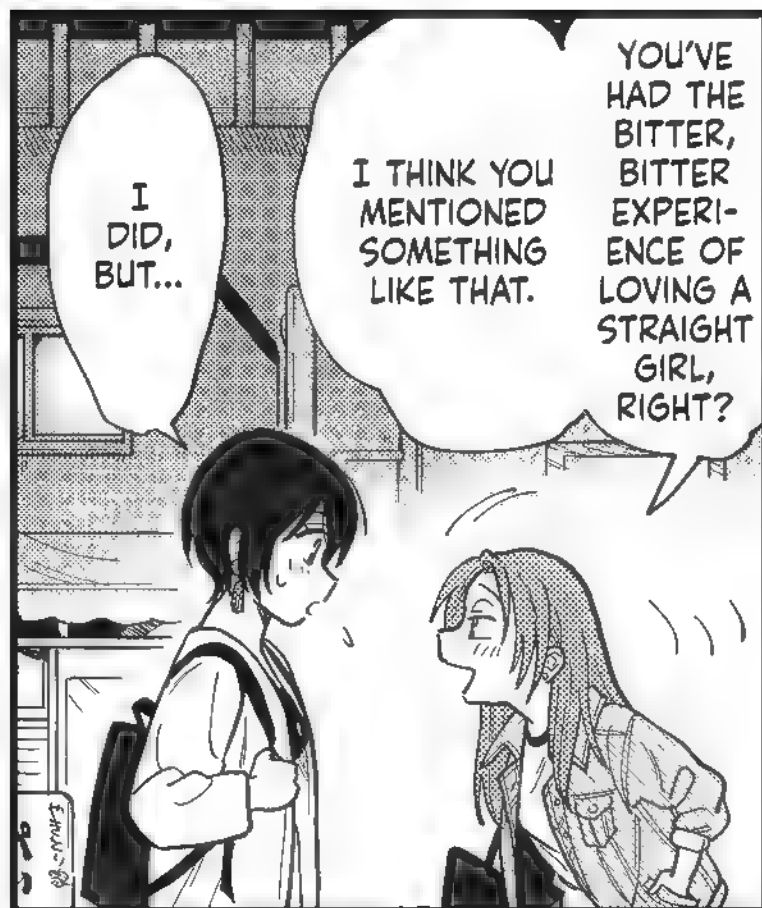
THE
ODDS OF
MEETING
ANOTHER
GIRL WHO'S
OPEN
ABOUT
LIKING
GIRLS IS
LIKE...



WELL,
WHO
ELSE IS
THERE?

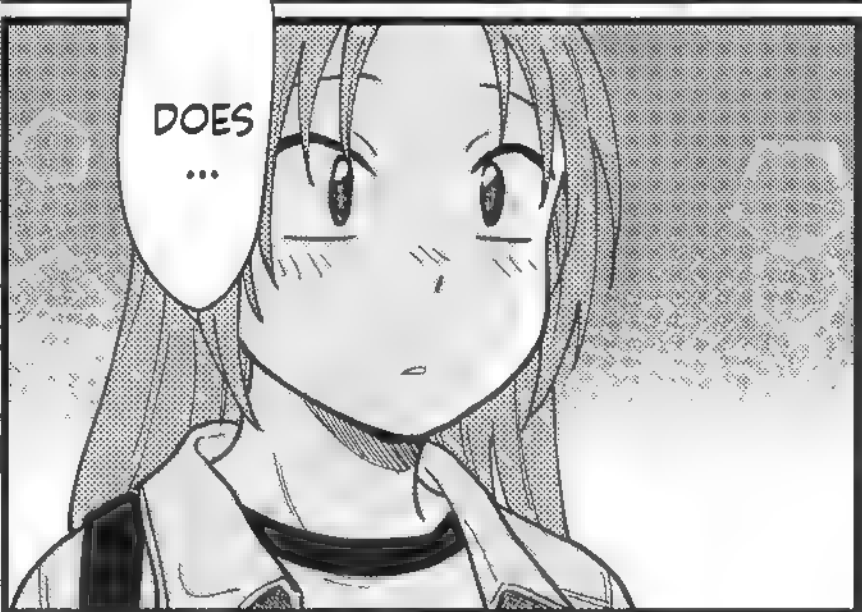
YOU
MEAN
DATE
YOU?!

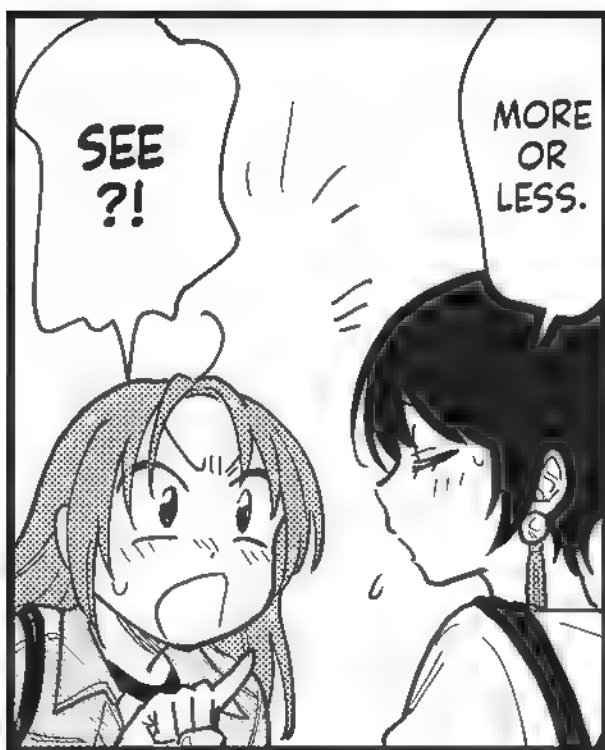
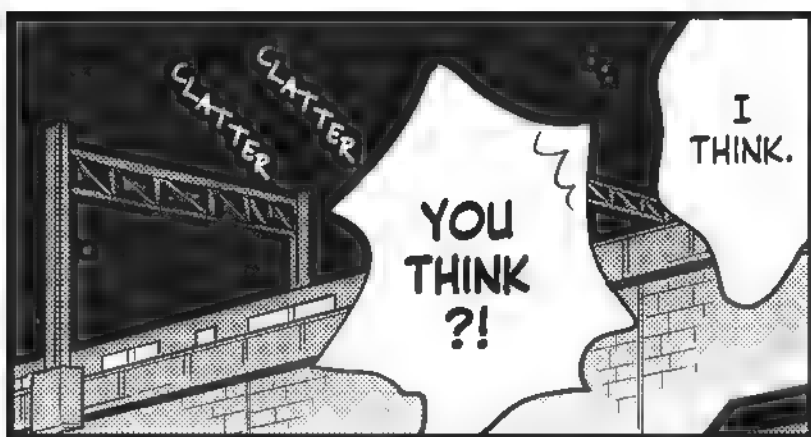
HUH?!
GO
OUT
...



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RELATIONSHIP?

Chapter 2: I'll Go Out With You?







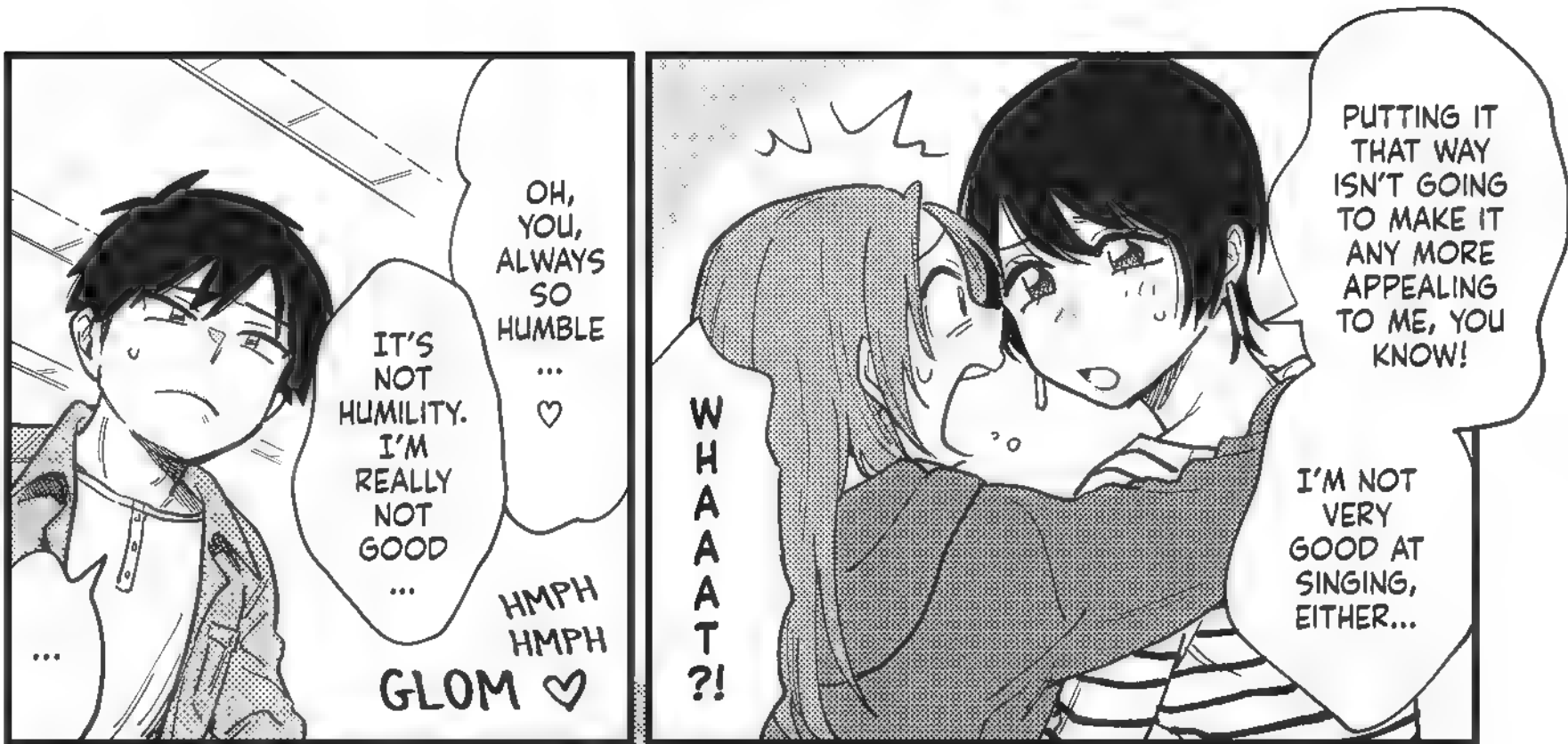


WE NEED TO
HAVE A SERI-
OUS TALK
NEXT TIME
WE
SEE EACH
OTHER.

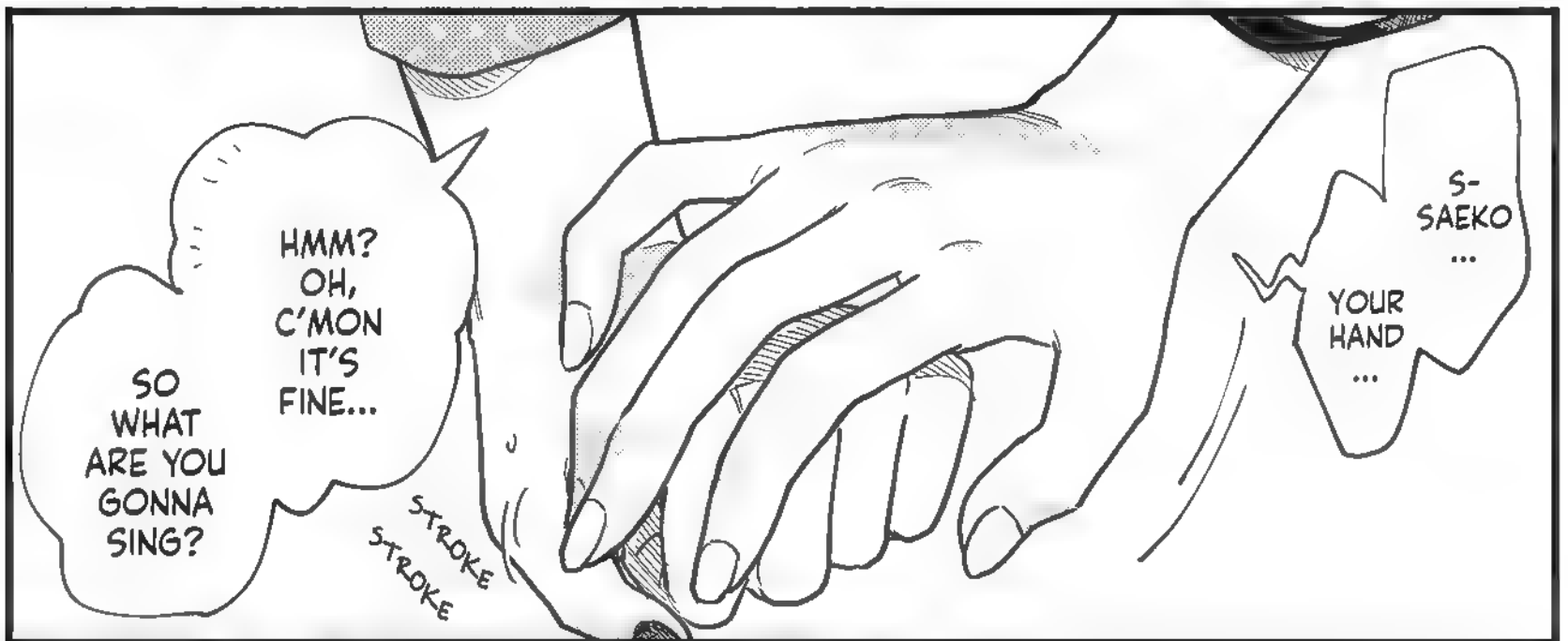
MAYBE
WHEN SHE'S
SOBERED
UP...

...SAEKO
WILL HAVE
CHANGED
HER MIND
TOO.









SINCE WE
TALKED
ABOUT
DATING...



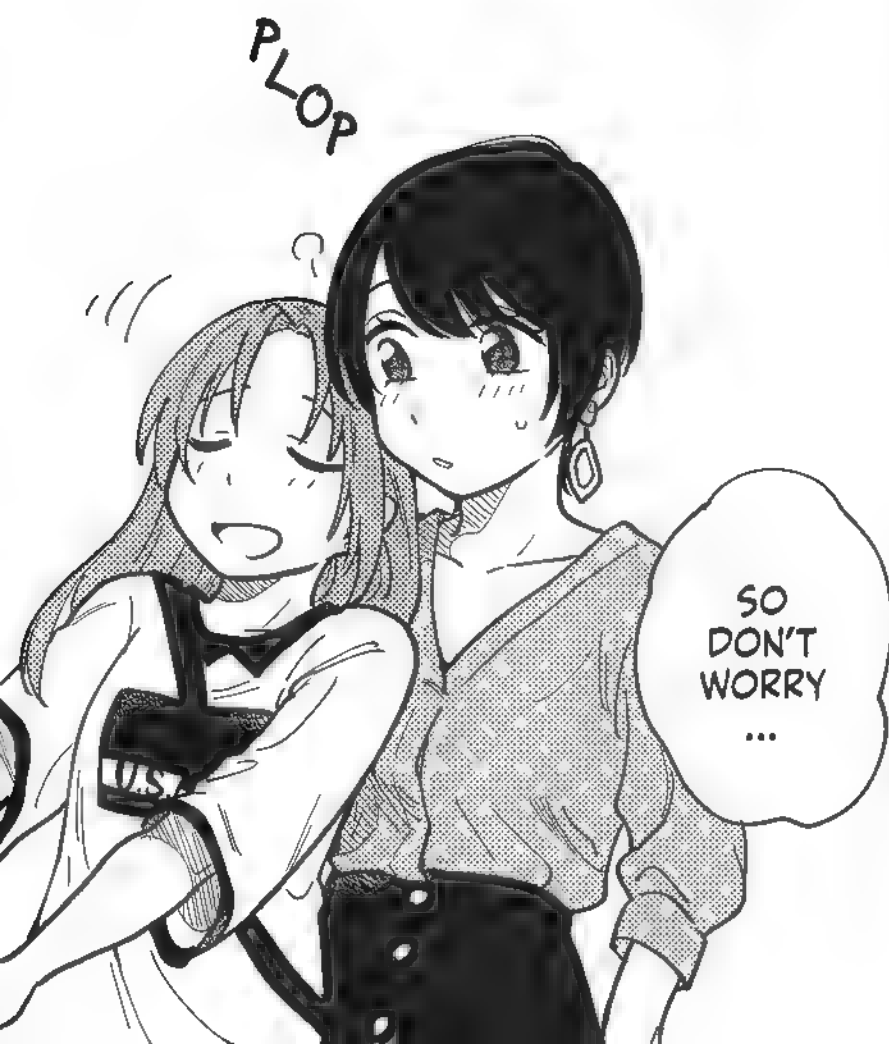
BUT WE'RE
DATING
NOW, SO...
I GUESS
THAT'S
NATURAL,
RIGHT?

...SHE'S
STARTED
ACTING
OPENLY
ROMANTIC
TOWARD
ME.



DISAPPOINTED







UM,
WHEN
WE WERE
TALKING
ABOUT
DATING
...

...YOU
SAID YOU'D
NEVER REALLY
THOUGHT
OF ME...

...THAT
WAY,
SO...



SAEKO
...

HM?
WHAT
IS IT?



Ah, we've gotta
go buy you an
instrument. //

SHE'S
SO
CLOSE
...



WHEN DID
YOU GO FROM
LIKING ME AS
A FRIEND TO
LIKING ME AS A
GIRLFRIEND
?



WHAT
ABOUT...
NOW?



WHY
ARE YOU
ASKING
THAT?

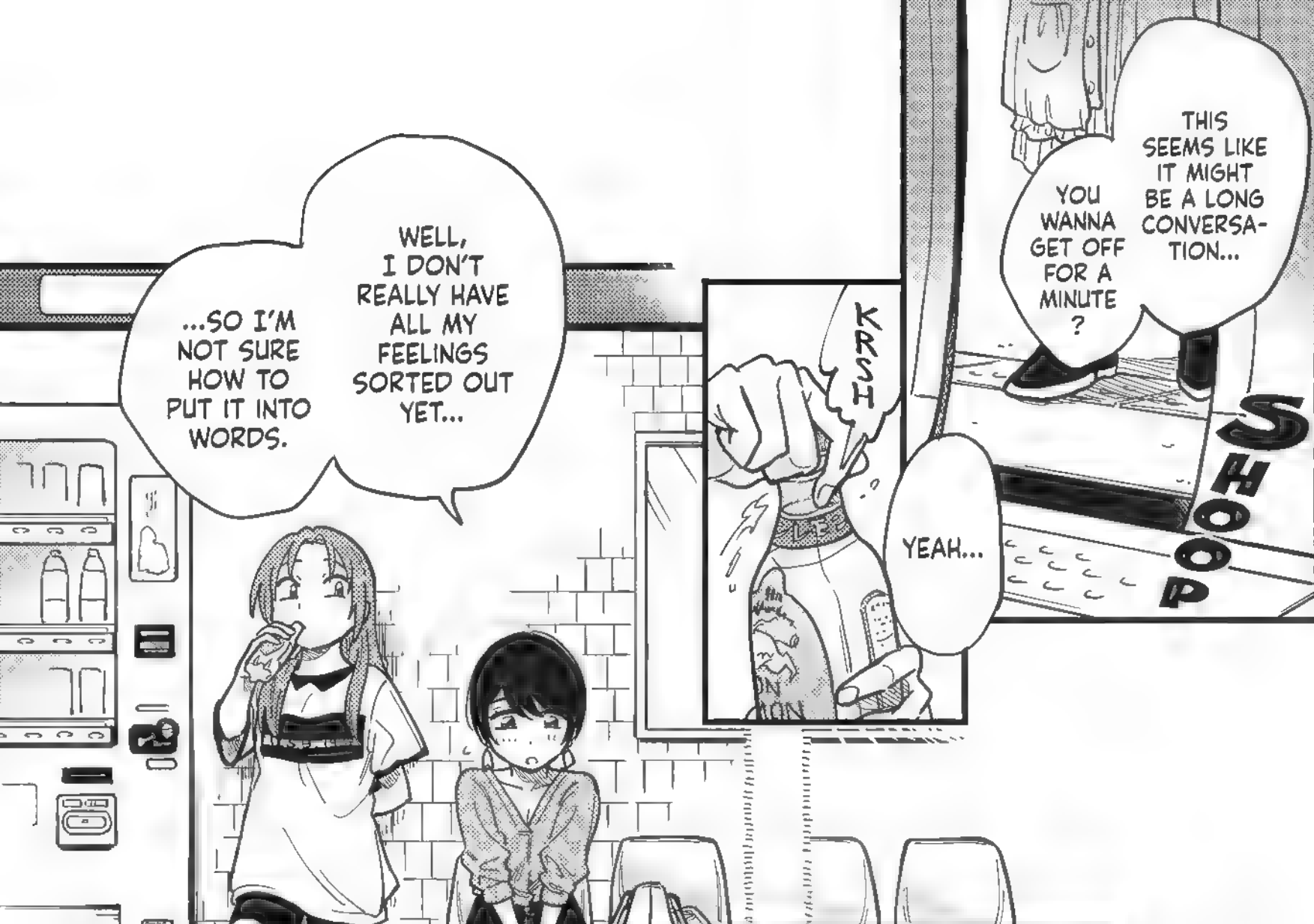


UHH
...

THMP

UHH
...

CHATTER
CHATTER



...SO I'M NOT SURE HOW TO PUT IT INTO WORDS.

WELL, I DON'T REALLY HAVE ALL MY FEELINGS SORTED OUT YET...

YEAH...

YOU WANNA GET OFF FOR A MINUTE ?

THIS SEEMS LIKE IT MIGHT BE A LONG CONVERSA-TION...

PUSH



IT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY.

BUT WHEN YOU TOLD ME YOU LIKED GIRLS...

...AND ASKED ME TO GO OUT WITH YOU...



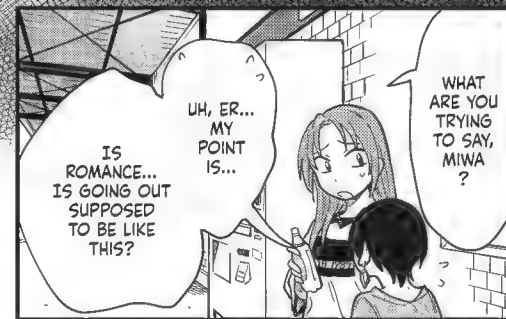
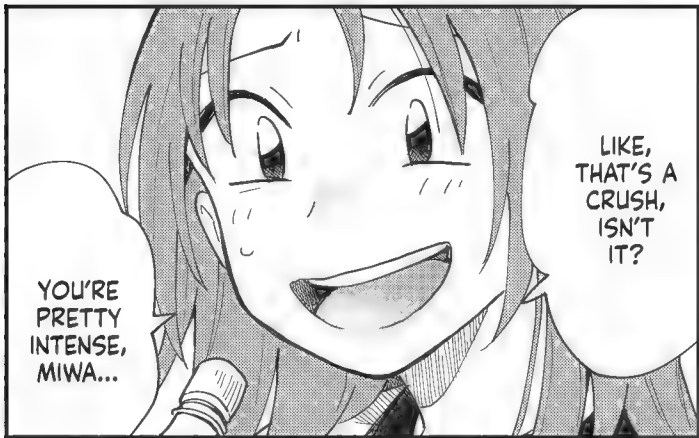
...FEELS LIKE A COMPROMISE OR SOMETHING. I FEEL LIKE IT'S JUST SUCH A SELF-SERVING REASON TO DATE.

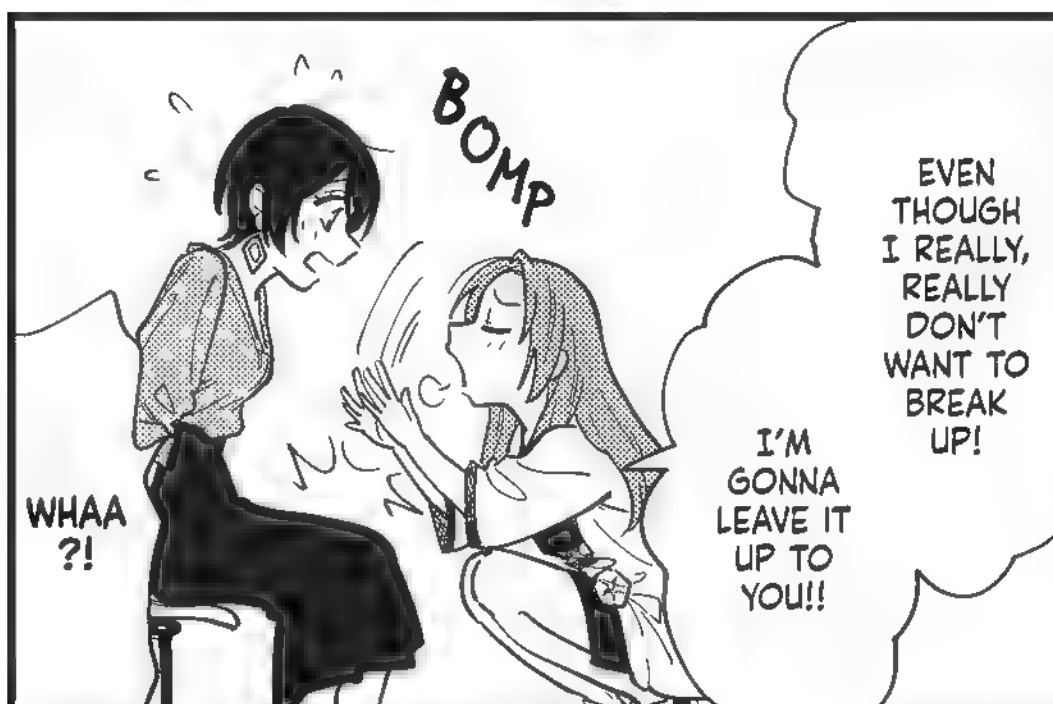
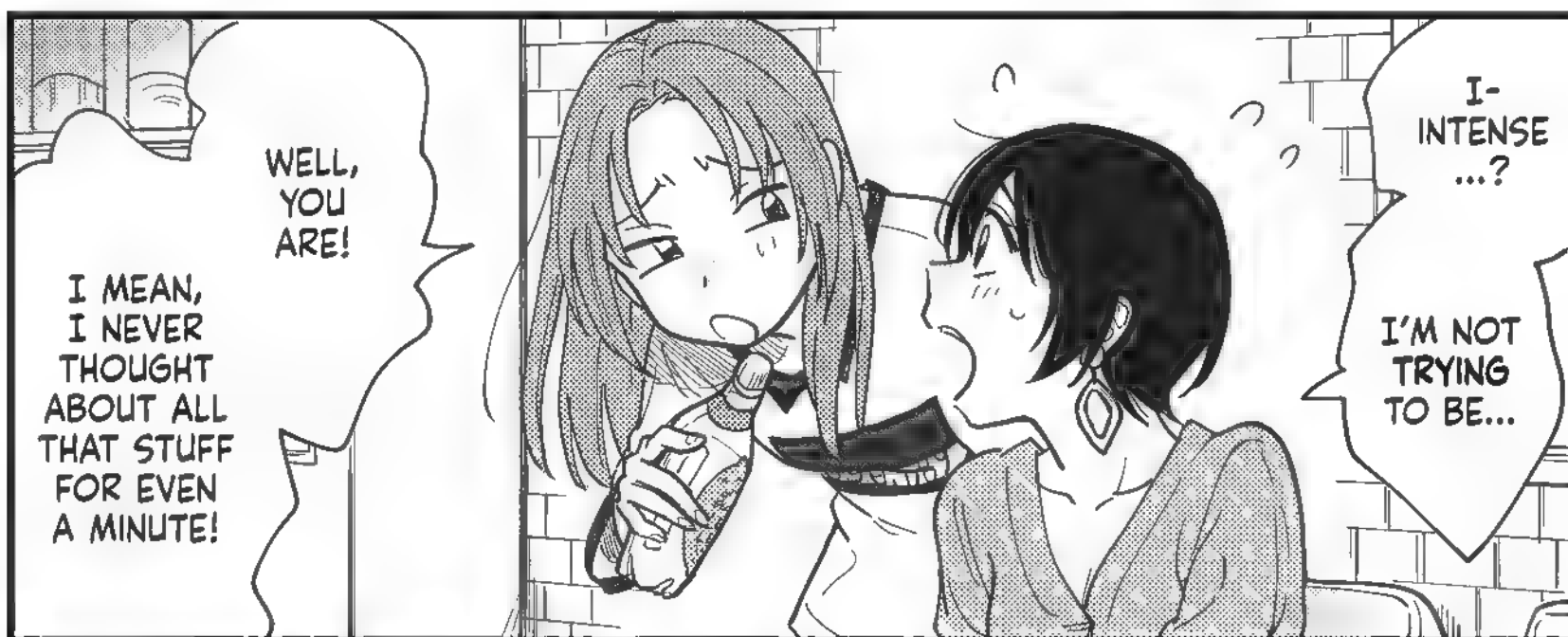
BUT GOING AHEAD WITH IT...

...AND I'D BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW MUCH I WANTED A GIRLFRIEND.

IT'S PRETTY RARE FOR TWO GAY PEOPLE TO JUST STUMBLE INTO A RELATIONSHIP...

YOU'RE RIGHT ...









I'LL GO
OUT WITH
YOU...

YEAH...



THANKS FOR
LISTENING
TO ME.

I HOPE WE HAVE A LONG
AND FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIP.



BOW

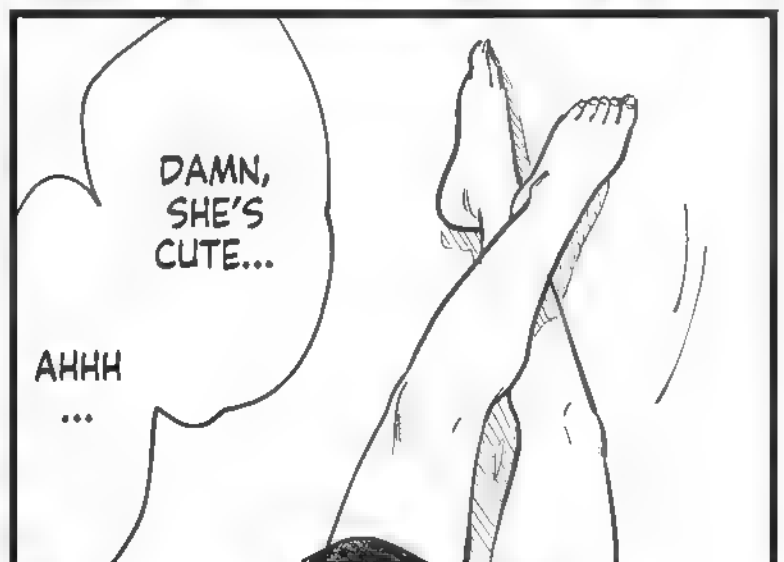
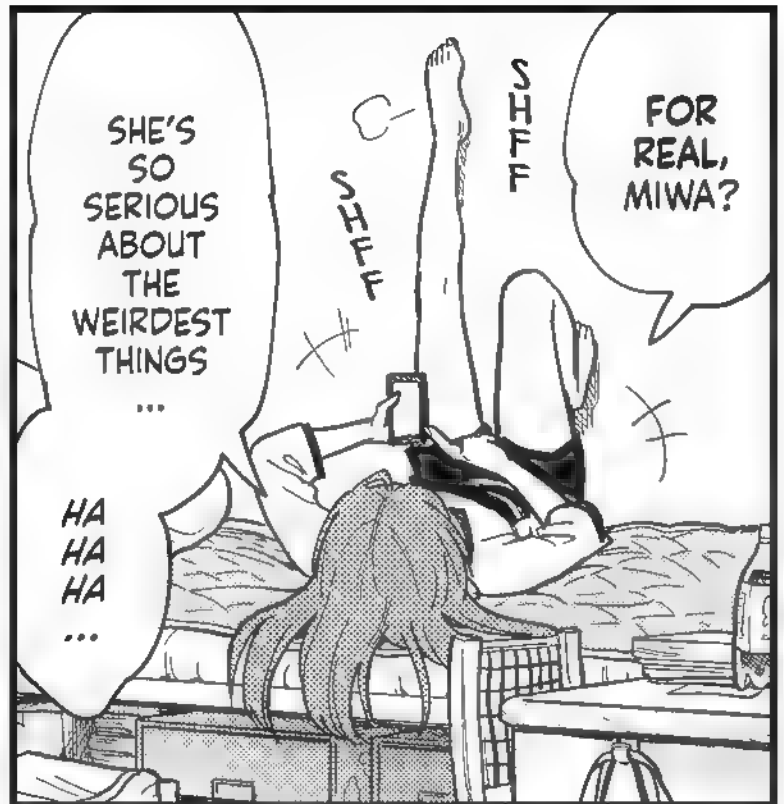
...

ARE
LOVE AND
DATING...

...REALLY
SUPPOSED
TO BE LIKE
THIS?

I'D LIKE
TO GET
TO KNOW
SAEKO
BETTER...

...AND
REALLY,
TRULY FALL
FOR HER.



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OH, AND HAS THE NICEST PRICE.

TO BE HONEST, JUST GET THE ONE YOU THINK LOOKS THE NICEST.

HMM...

HEY, SAEKO ...

HOW DO I PICK A BASS?



...



THANK YOU!

~RG

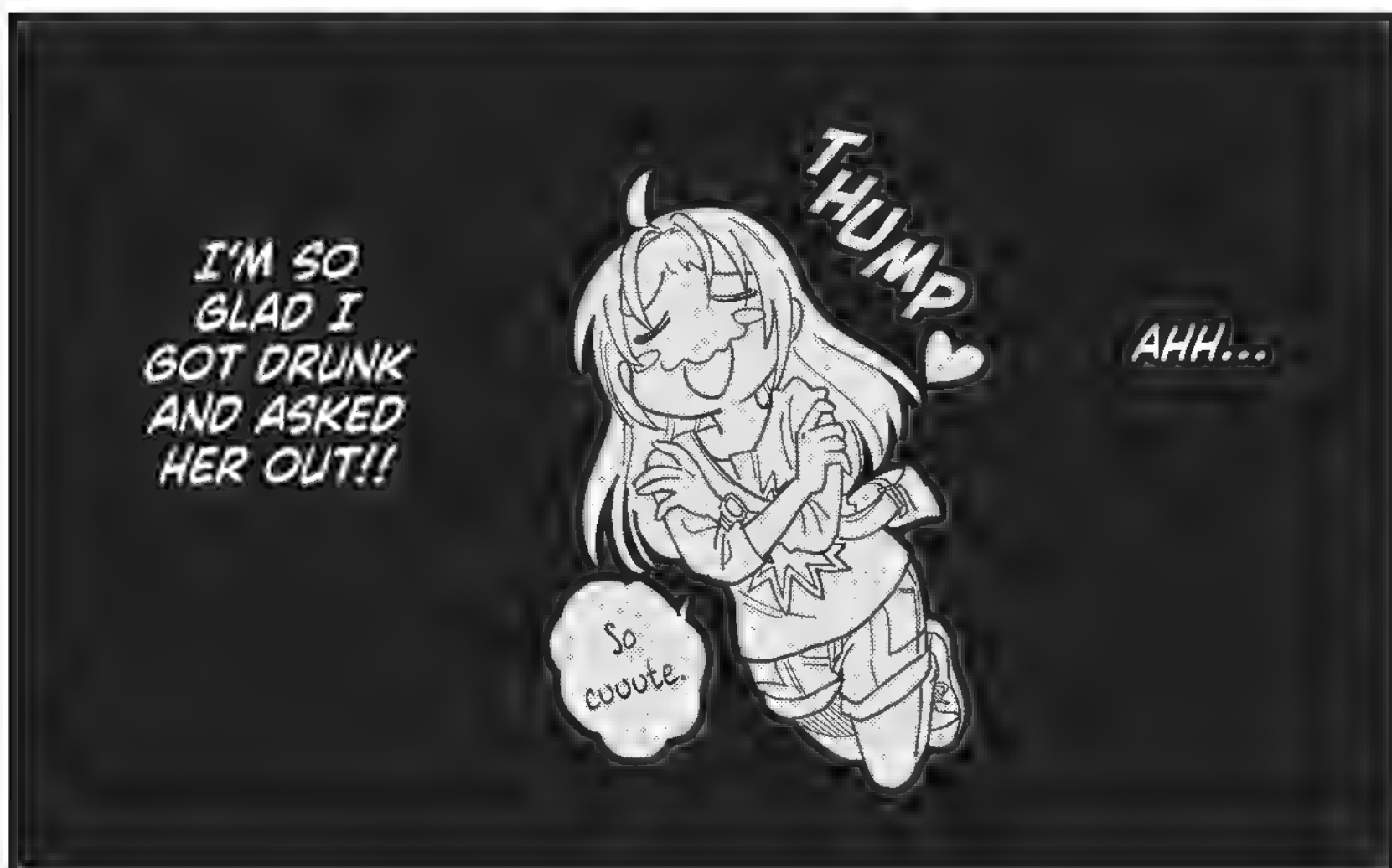
THAT HELPS A LOT!



OH ...

...WILL BE BEST.

SINCE YOU'RE A BEGINNER, ONE WITH FOUR STRINGS ...



I'M SO GLAD I GOT DRUNK AND ASKED HER OUT!!

THUMP


AHH...

So cuute.



THE FIRST
TIME I
ACTUALLY
DATED
ANOTHER
GIRL...

...WAS
AROUND
MIDDLE
SCHOOL.



AW, MAN, I
REALLY DON'T
WANNA THINK
ABOUT THAT.

I
WAS SO
YOUNG
THEN.

ALL WE
REALLY
DID WAS
HURT EACH
OTHER.

...AND
BECOMES
MY GIRL-
FRIEND...

...AND SHE
TELLS ME
SHE'S INTO
GIRLS...

AND THEN A
SUPER-DUPER-CUTE
JUST-MY-TYPE
CHICK SHOWS UP...

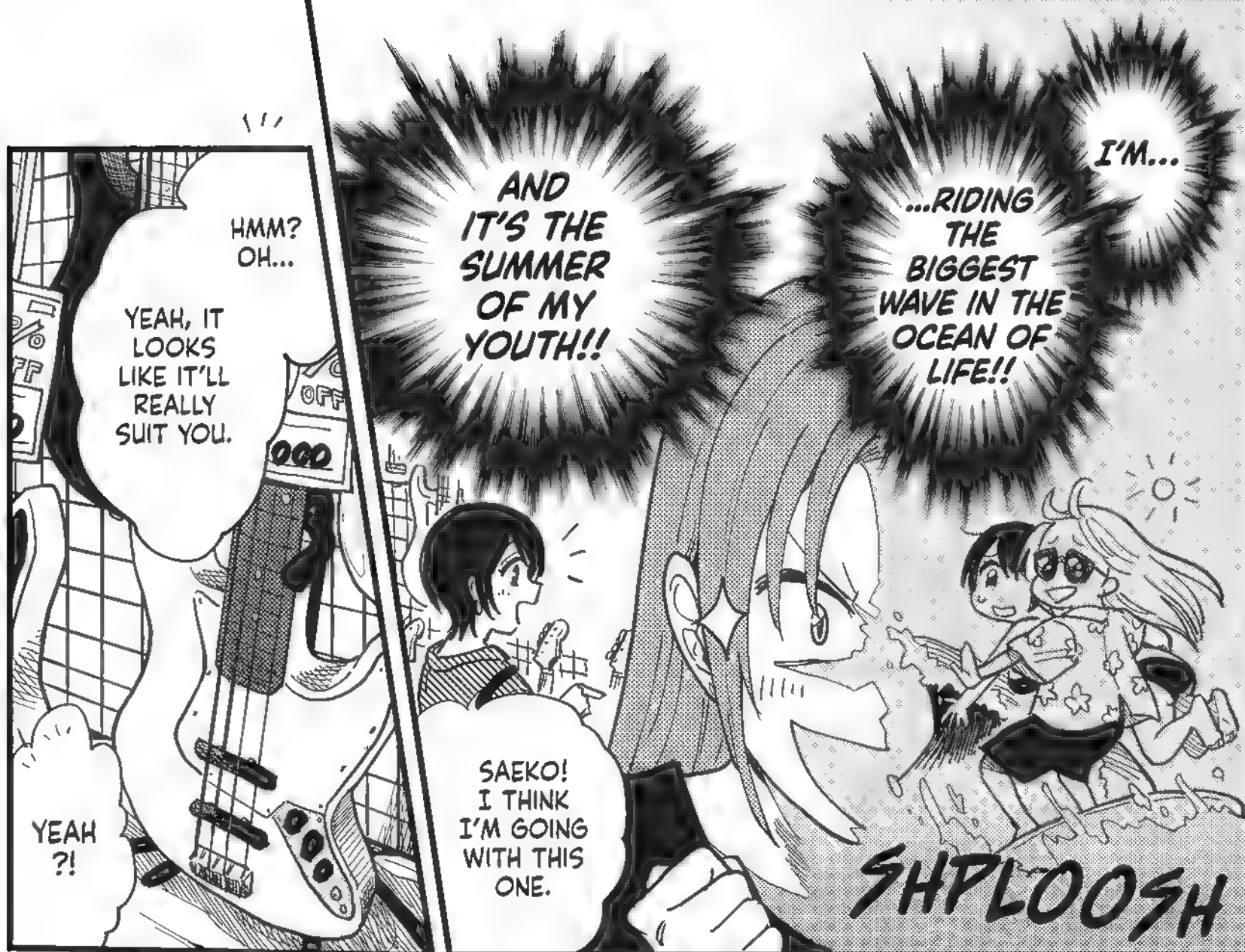


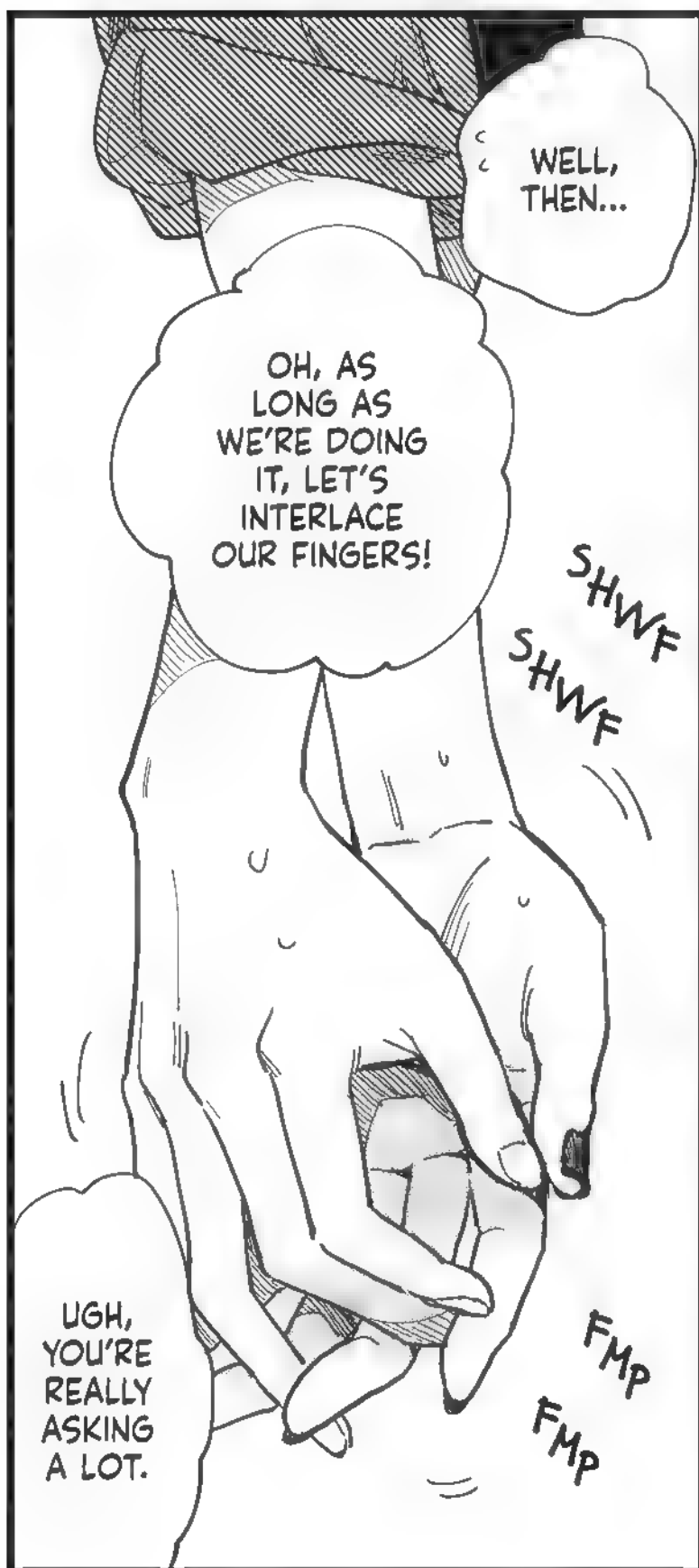
IN
OTHER
WORDS
...

BUT I
COULDN'T
REALLY FIND A
RELATIONSHIP
THAT
SATISFIED
ME.

AND AFTER THAT,
THERE WERE ALL
THOSE OTHER
RELATIONSHIPS...
I MEAN, THEY
WERE FUN IN
THEIR OWN WAY,
I GUESS.









HEY
...



I
AM?

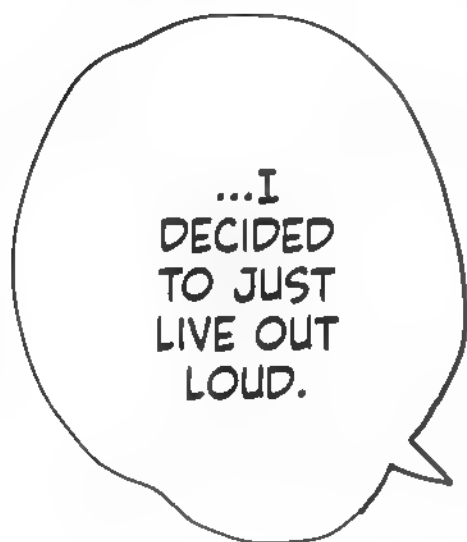
YOU
THINK
SO?

...YOU'RE
PRETTY
OUT,
AREN'T
YOU,
SAEKO
?



...BUT
LATELY,
IT'S
LIKE...

WELL, I
GUESS
I'VE BEEN
KINDA
LIKE THIS
FOR A
WHILE...



...I
DECIDED
TO JUST
LIVE OUT
LOUD.



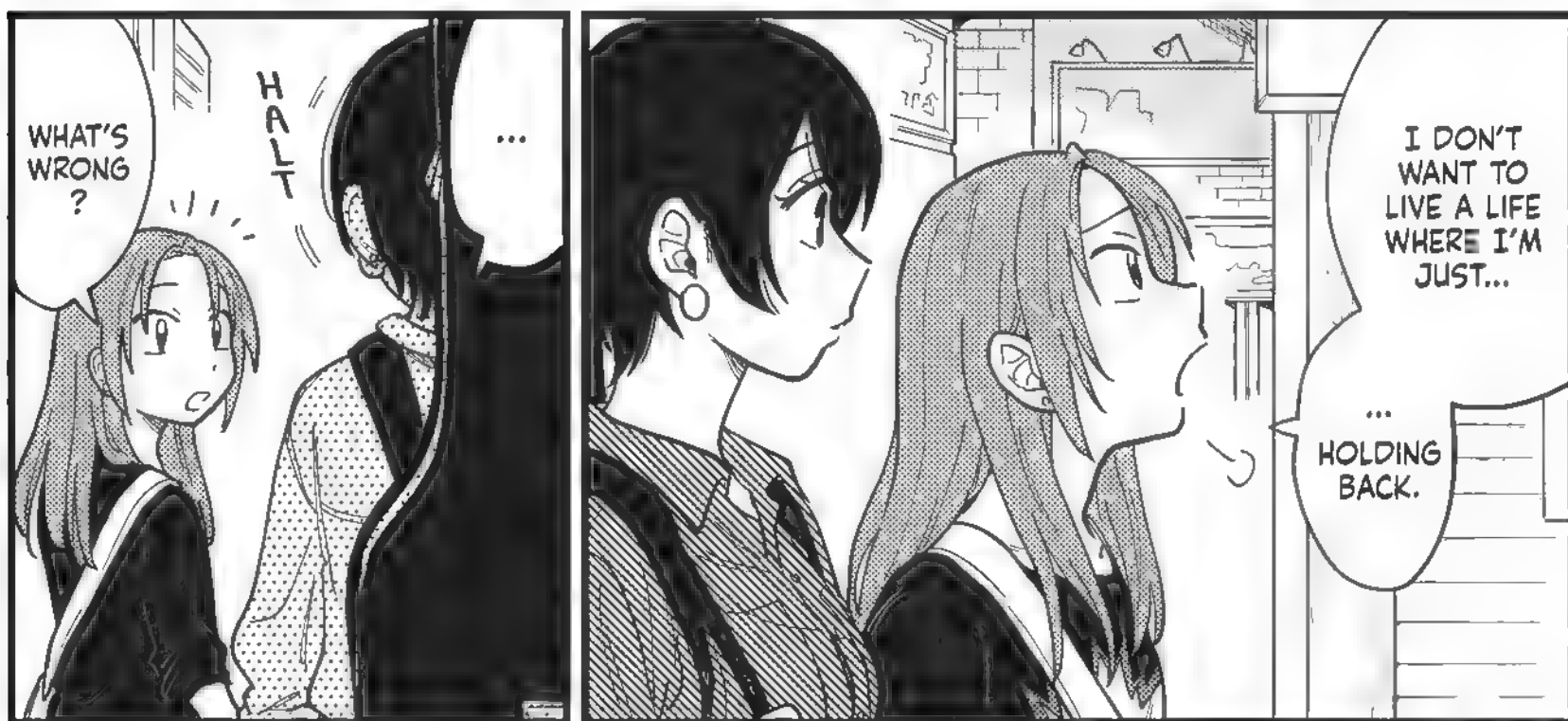
SO
WARM!!
SO
SOOOFT!!
SO SILKY
!!

W
A
A
H
!!

This is
sort of
embar-
rassing...

I
LOVE
THIS
!!

S
Q
U
E
E
Z
E







THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME
WE'VE
TRIED TO
GET OUR
SOUND
TOGETHER
!

AW,
DON'T
WORRY. OF
COURSE
IT'S LIKE
THAT NOW.



IT'S US
BEGINNERS
WHO MADE
IT SOUND
BAD...

NAH,
YOU WERE
GOOD,
SAEKO.

DOOM

AUGH

I'VE
LOST
ALL
MY
SKILLS
!!



HUH
?!

Good
idea!

AH!
HEY,
MIWA!

SINCE
WE'RE BOTH
NEWBIES,
LET'S
PRACTICE
TOGETHER!

WAIT
JUST A
MINUTE
!!



EASY
FOR
YOU TO
SAY, MR.
SINGER.

DO
YOUR
BEST,
GUYS!

NOW WE
CAN LOOK
FORWARD
TO HOW
MUCH
WE'LL
GROW AS
A BAND.

NA
HA
HA

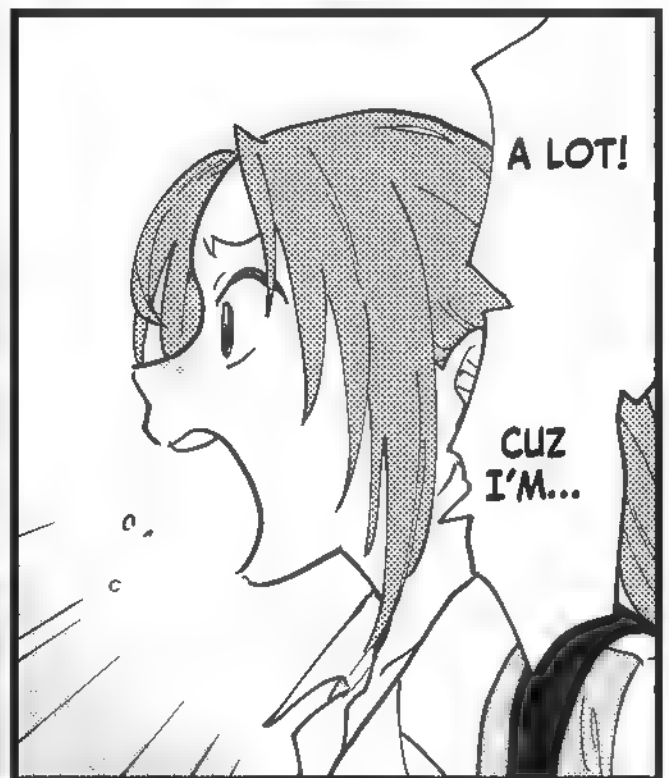
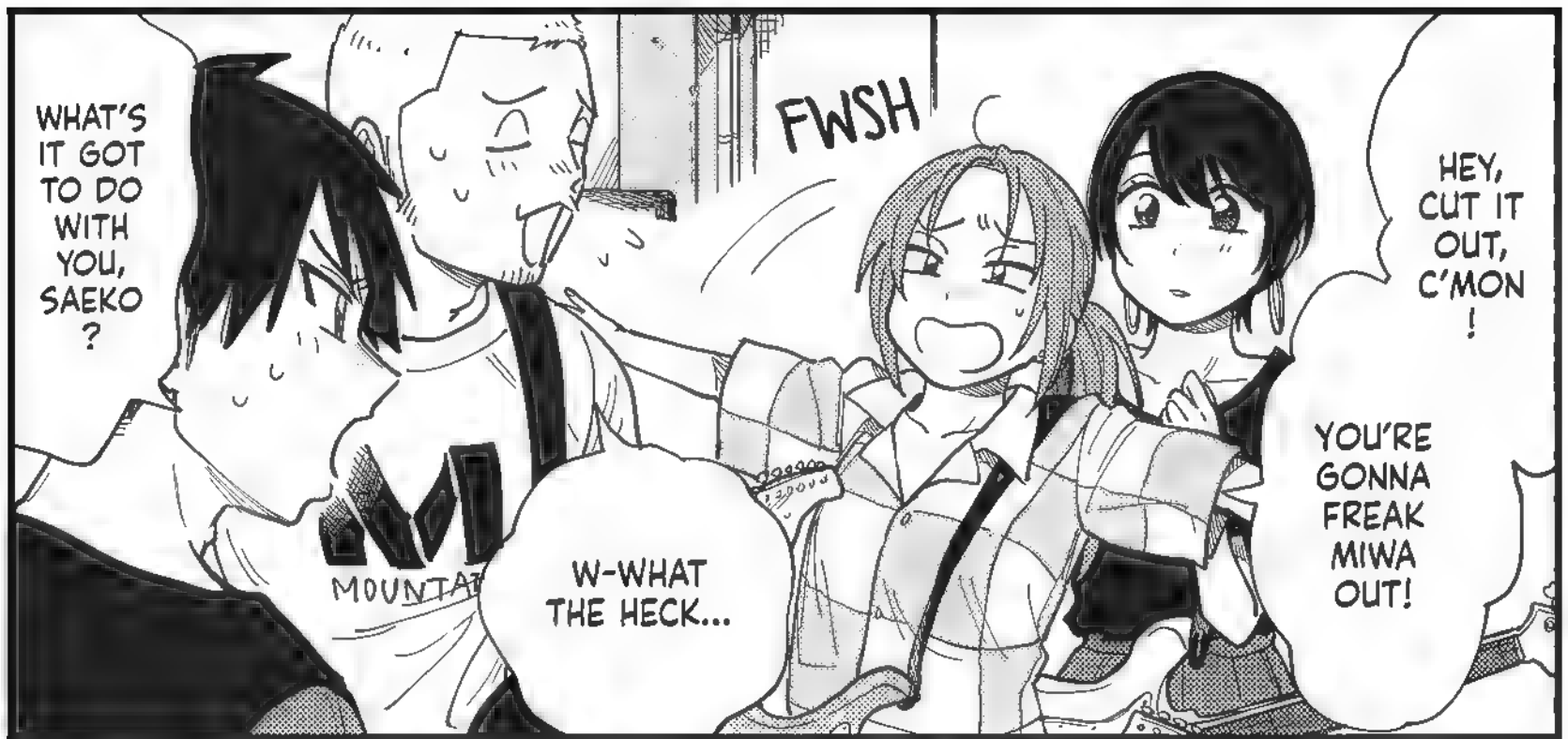


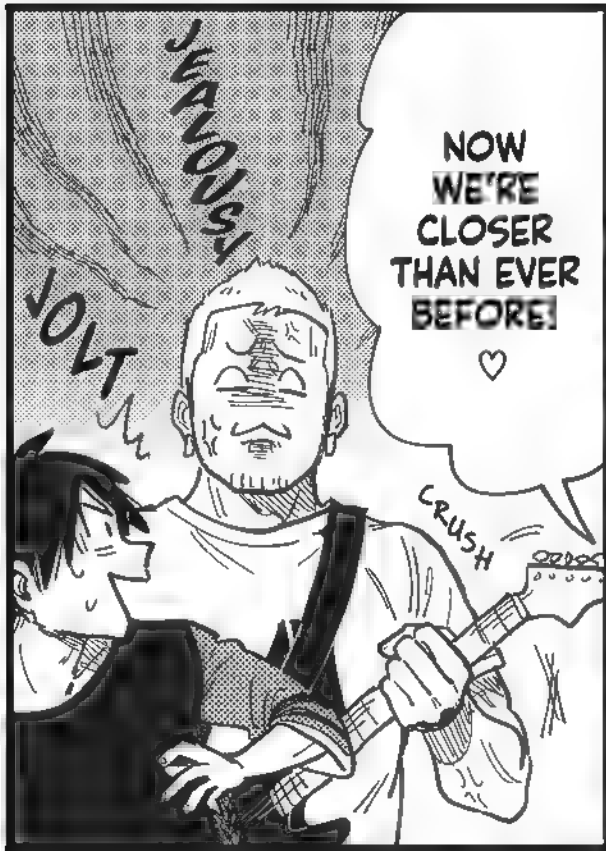
WHA-
HEY
NOW!

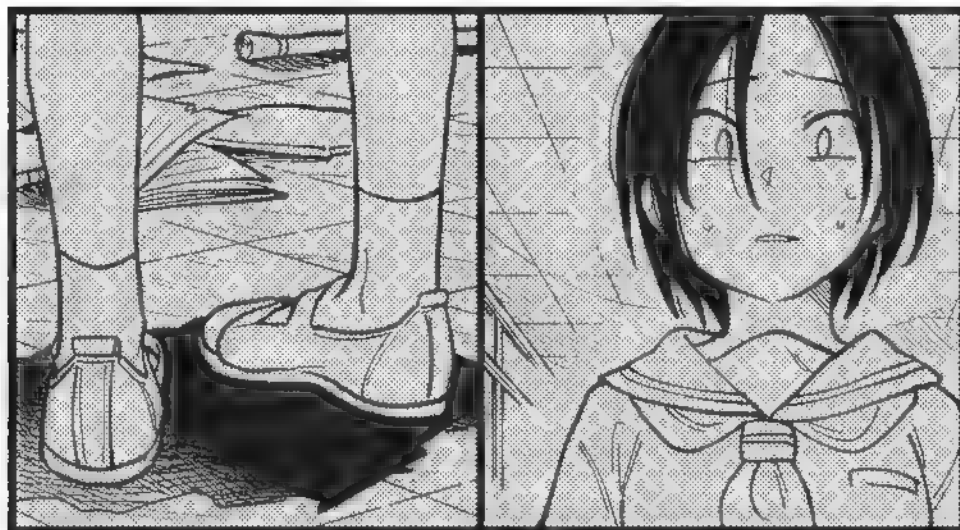
I
ASKED
FIRST!

WE'RE
THE
RHYTHM
SECTION,
AFTER
ALL!!

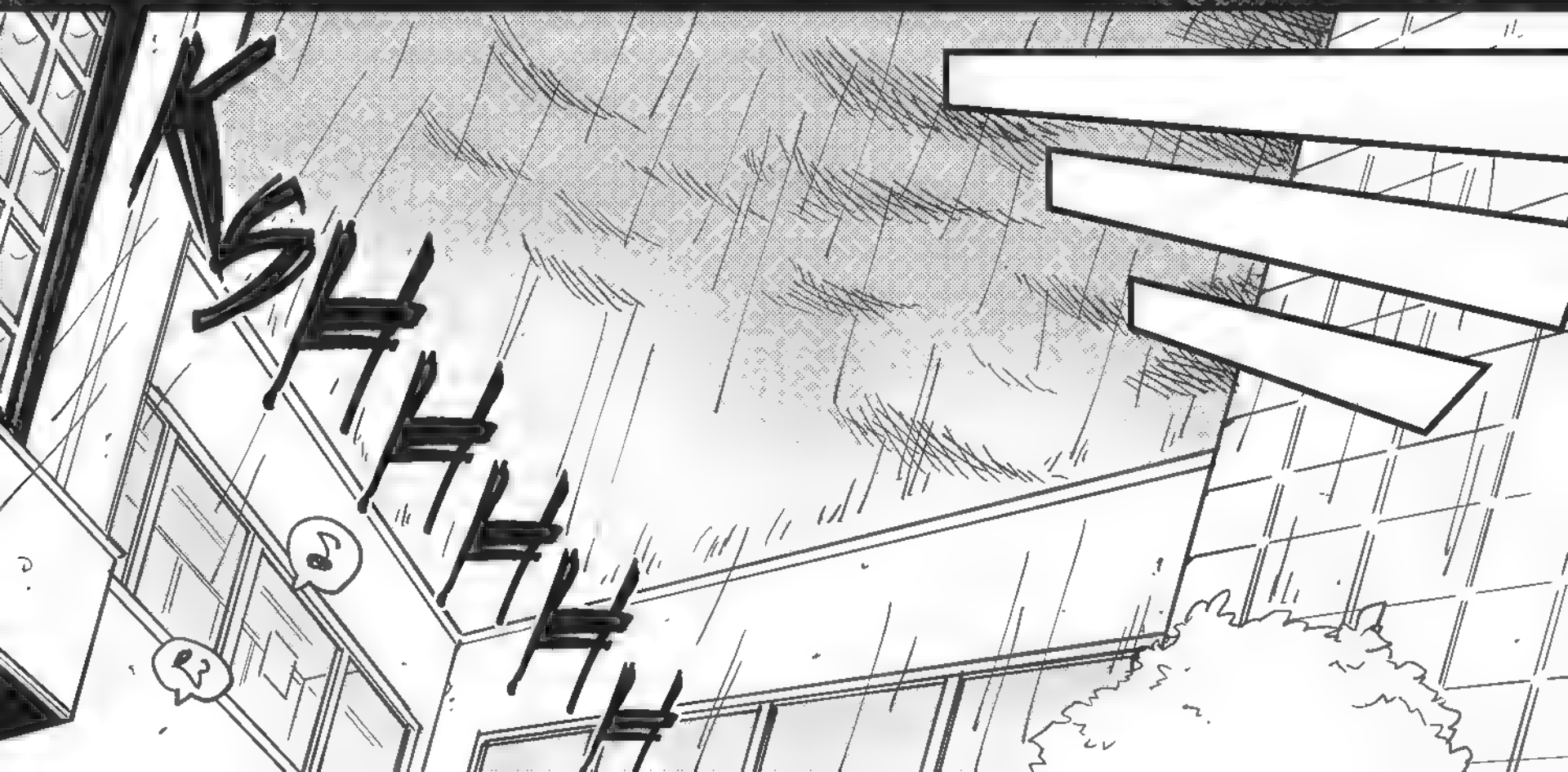
IF SHE
WANTS TO
PRACTICE,
SHE
SHOULD
PRACTICE
WITH
DRUMS!!

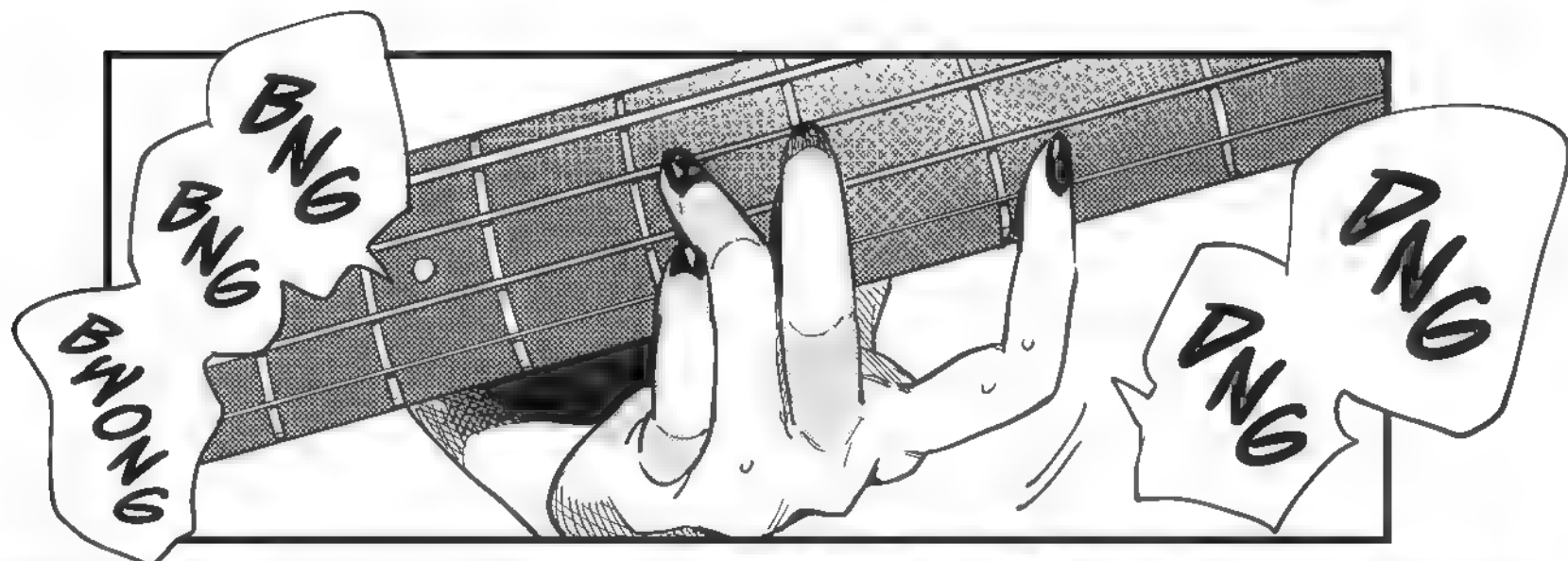






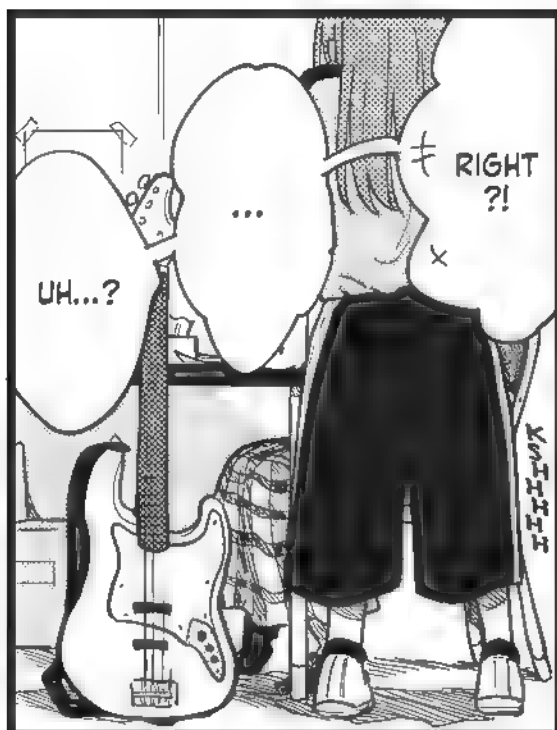
I DON'T WANT A REPEAT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, Y'KNOW!







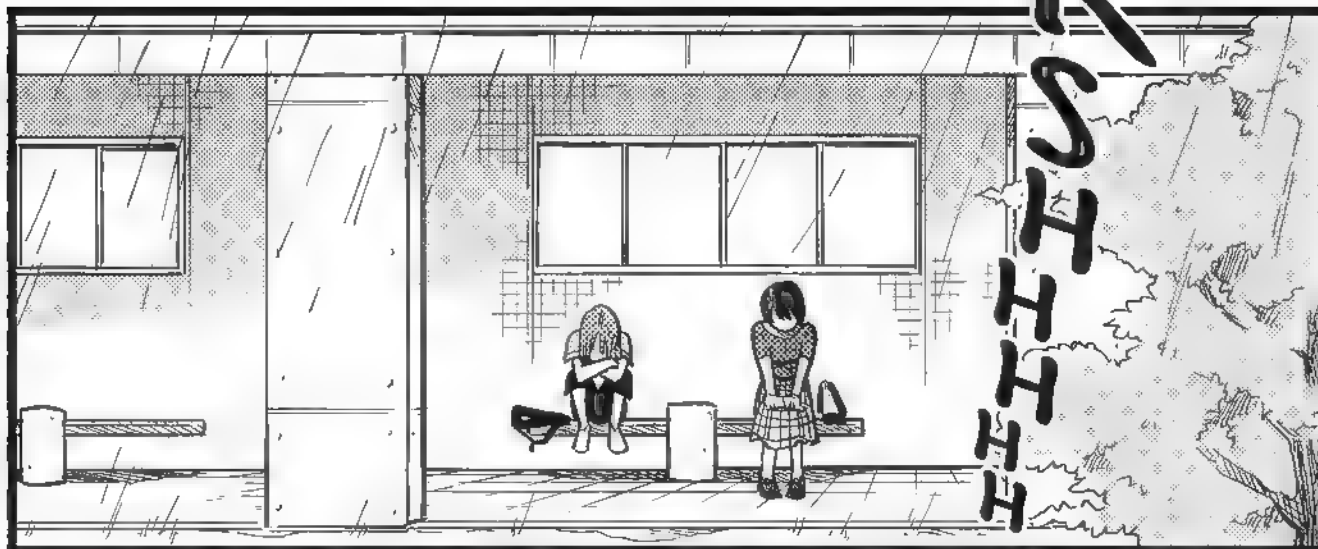








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Chapter 4: How Should I Know?



...IT
SOUNDED
LIKE YOU
WERE
FIGHTING.

...AND
THEN I
HEARD
VOICES,
AND...



W-
WELL...

I
THOUGHT I
FORGOT MY
UMBRELLA
IN THE CLUB
ROOM
...



W-WHEN
DID YOU
GET
HERE
?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
YOU
SAW?



HA
HA



HA
HA

AND I
WAS ALL,
GUESS
I'LL JUST
GET MY
UMBRELLA
AND
LEAVE...

...AND
THEN
I SAW,
UH...

...Y'KNOW,
THAT.



...SO I
JUST GOT
IT IN MY
HEAD TO
MAKE A
PASS AT
HER.

YEAH, I
STARTED
THAT.

YOU
KNOW,
MIWA'S SO
CUTE AND
ALL...



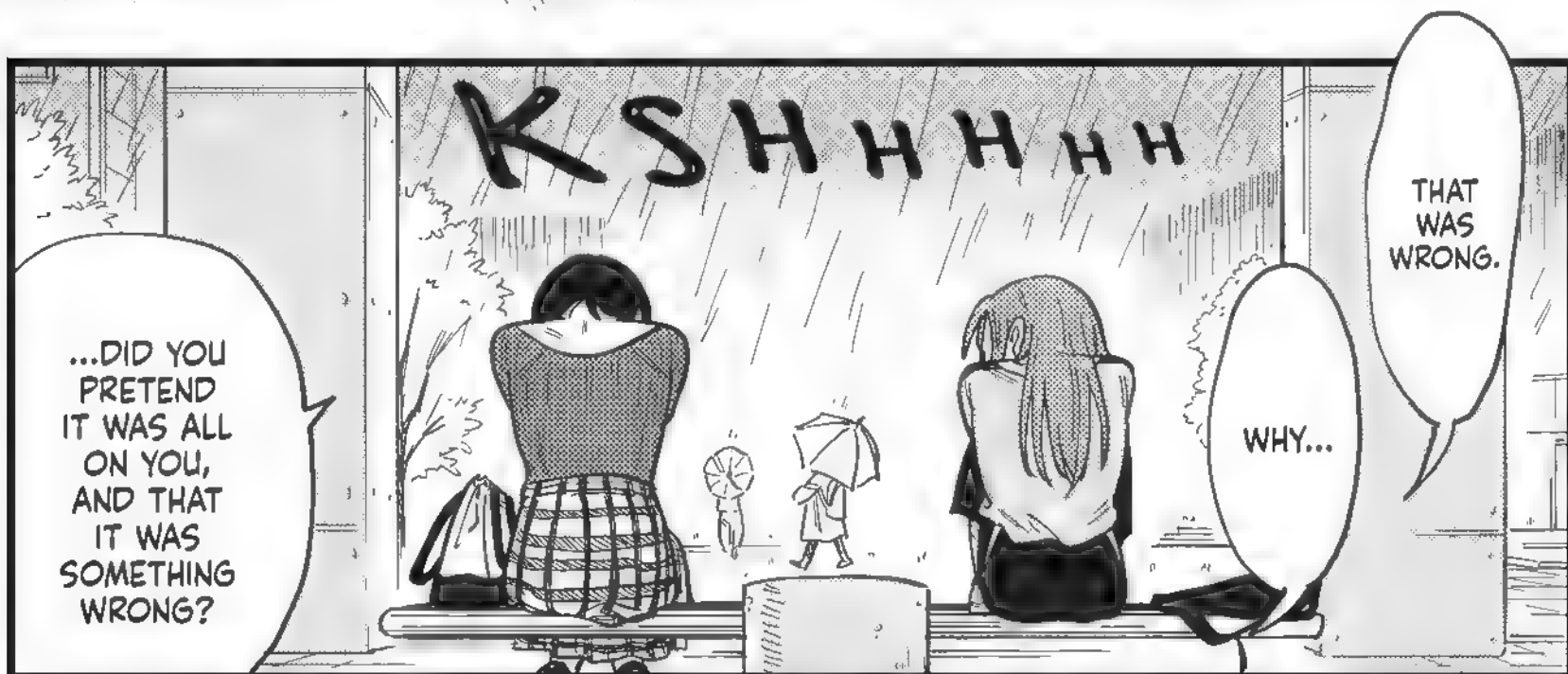
YOU
WALKED
IN ON
SOME-
THING
WEIRD!

OH
MAN,
MY
BAD!

WE'RE
ACTU-
ALLY...

M-
MIKKUN
...

HEAVEN









YOU MADE FUN OF ME- IT'S PAYBACK !

SHAKE SHAKE

STOP TEASING ME!!

A PO-?! IT'S NOT A POEM!



OH WAIT, NOW I REMEMBER ...

I SAID SOMETHIN' ABOUT WANTING TO LIVE MY LIFE WITHOUT HOLDING BACK, DIDN'T I?



WHAT, REALLY? NOW I'M EMBARRASSED.

AND IT REALLY MADE ME FEEL LIKE I COULD BE CONFIDENT TOO WHEN YOU SAID THAT...

THAT'S RIGHT.

GUESS I DIDN'T MAKE GOOD ON THAT, HUH...?



WAH! WHAT THE HECK?!

WAS THAT A POEM?





YEAH,
WHAT IS
IT?

SAEKO
!



MN

MIWA
...

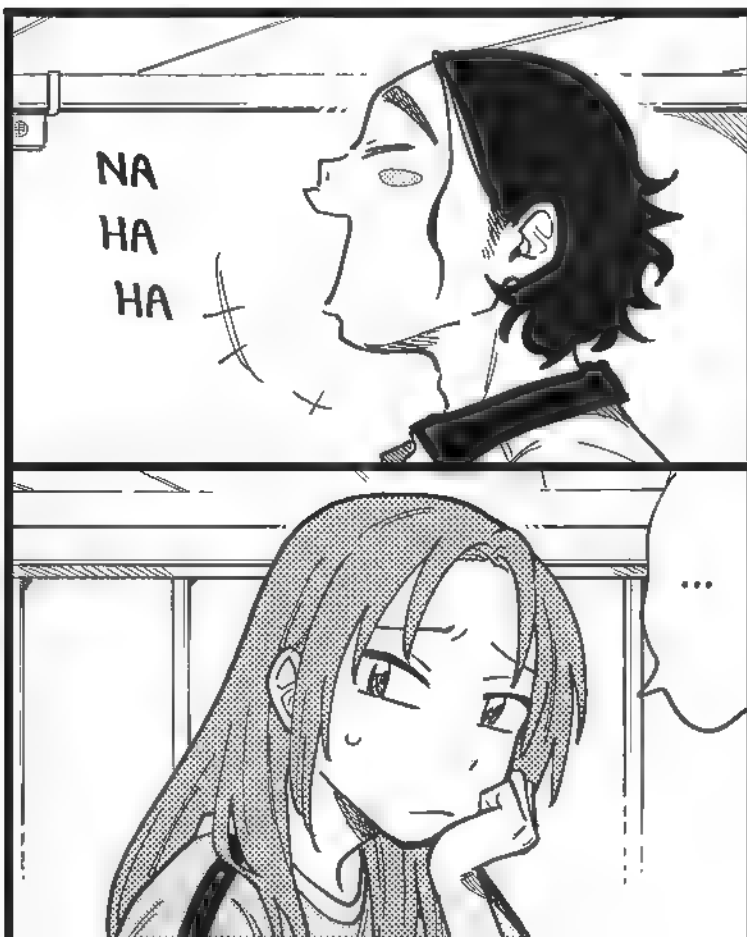
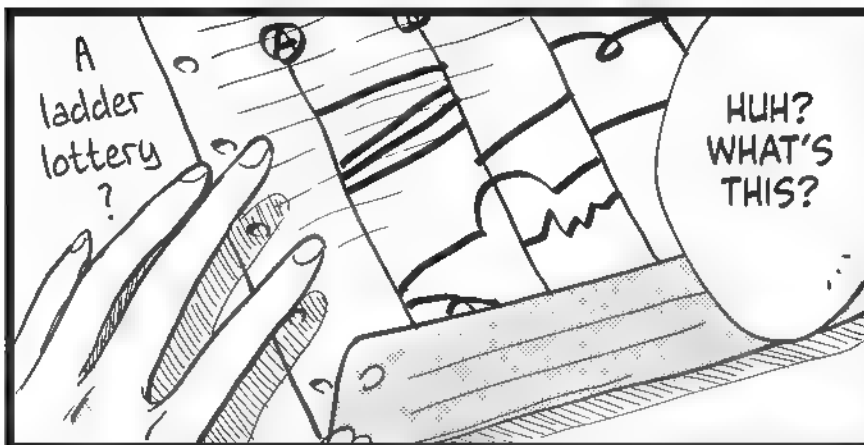
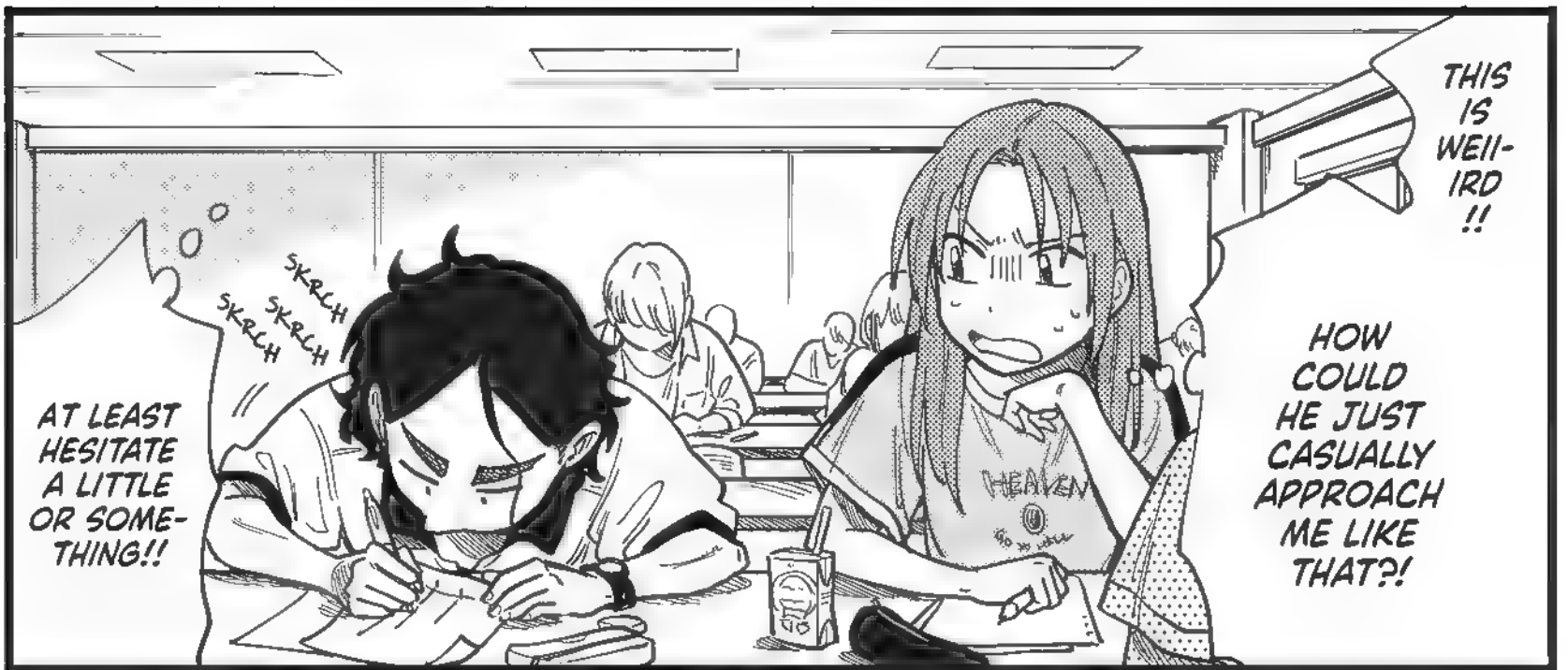
YOU'RE
SO
FORWARD
...

Y-YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO
WANTED
A KISS!

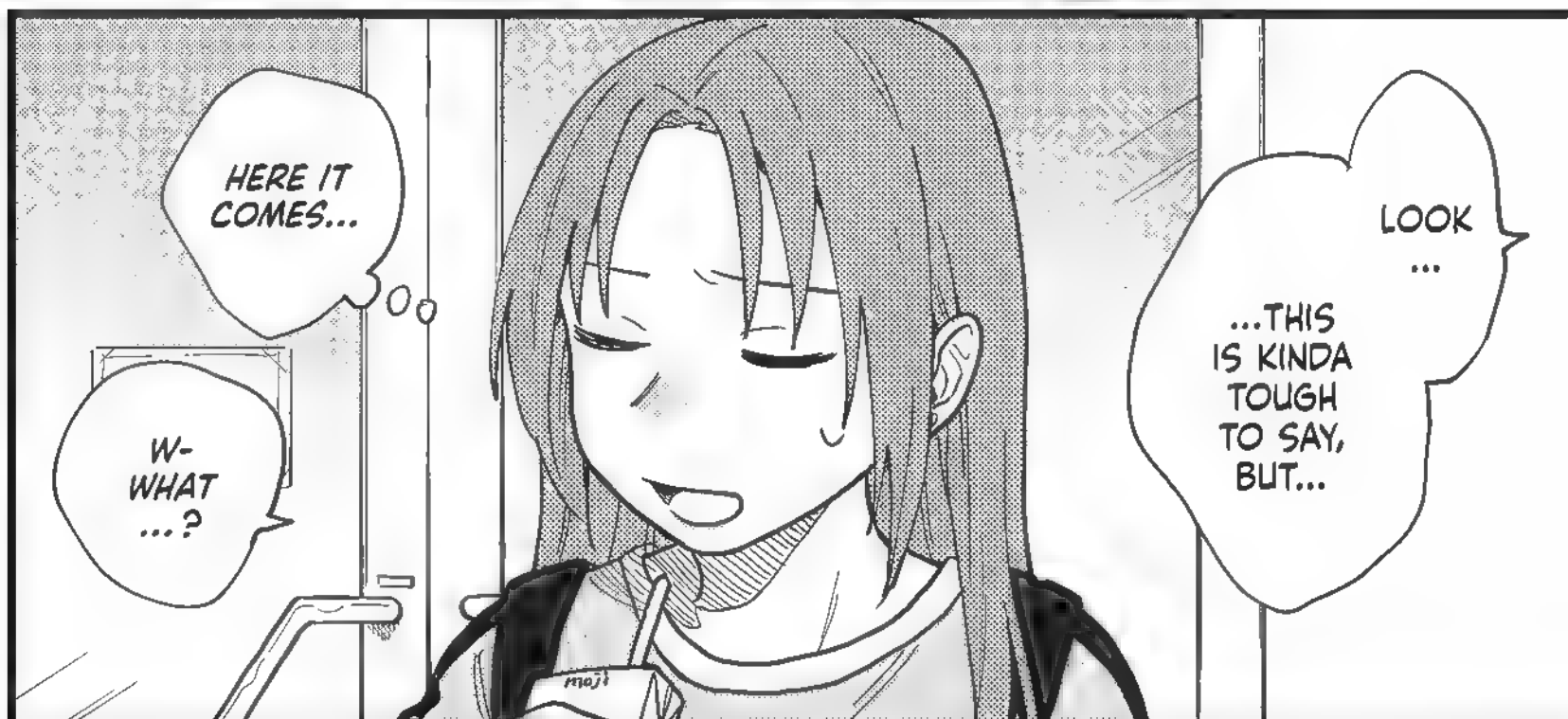
KISS

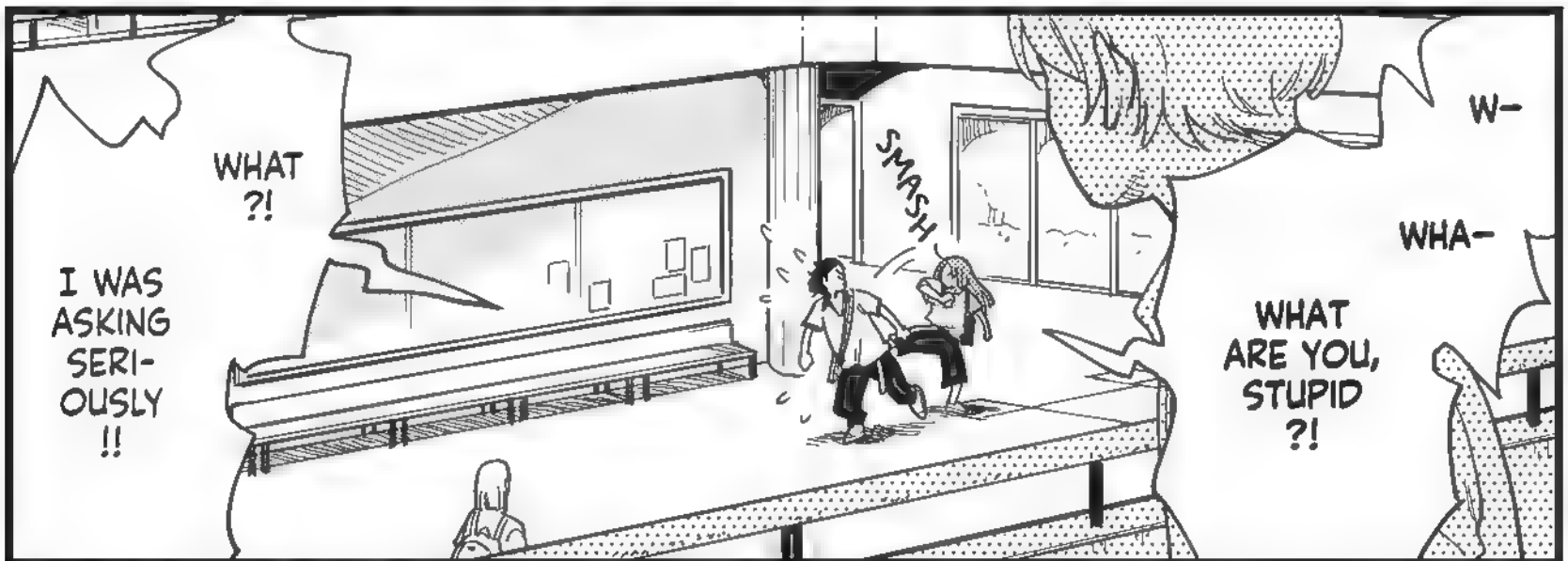
BLISS













YOU
WANT ME
TO FEEL
THAT WAY
ABOUT
YOU?



YOU
DON'T
HAVE ANY
OTHER
REACTION
?!

SERI-
OUSLY,
MIKKUN,
PLEASE!

WHAT
AN ANTI-
CLIMAX!



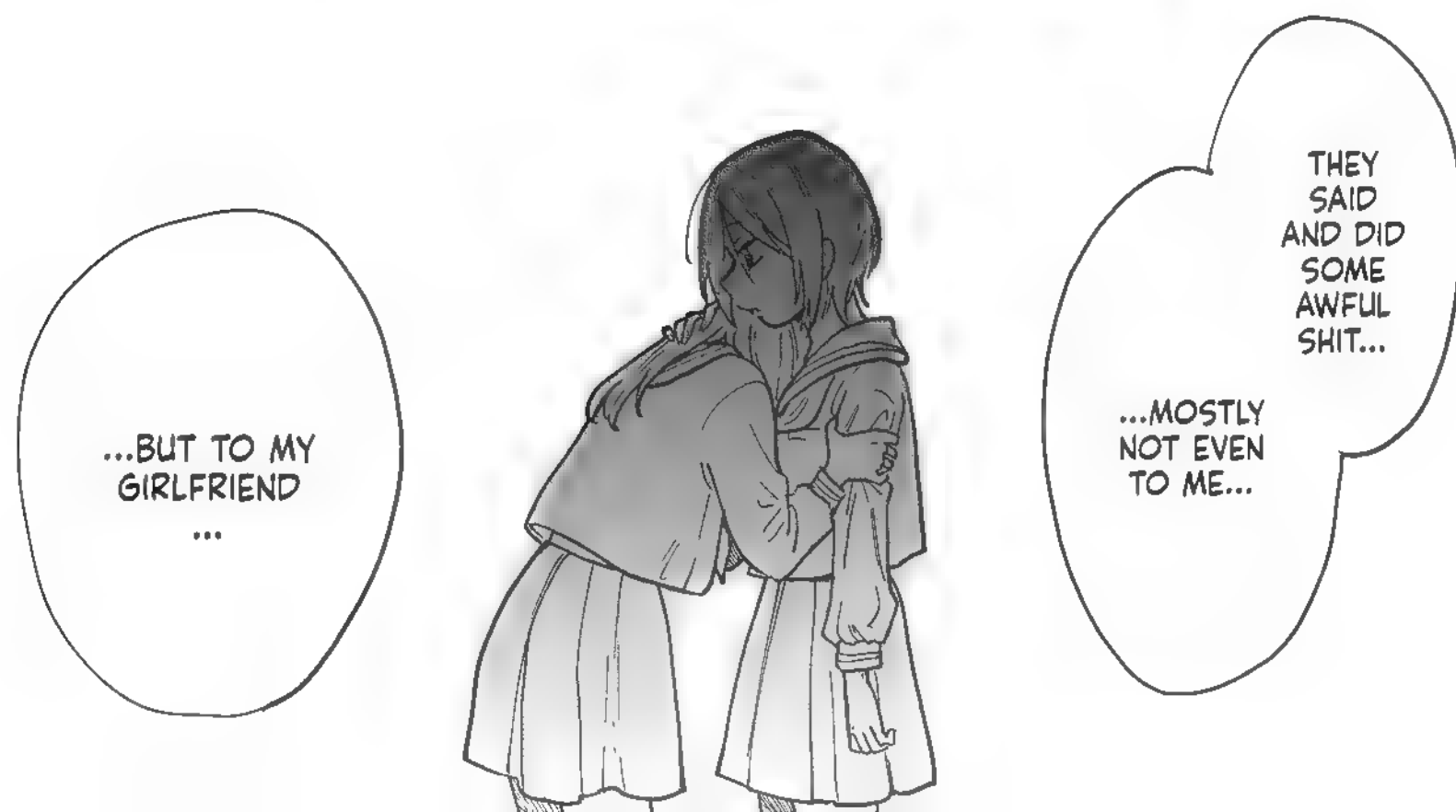
THE
HELL
?

LIKE,
"GROSS" OR
"YOU CAN'T
DO THAT"
OR SOME
KINDA
FEELING OF
REVULSION
?

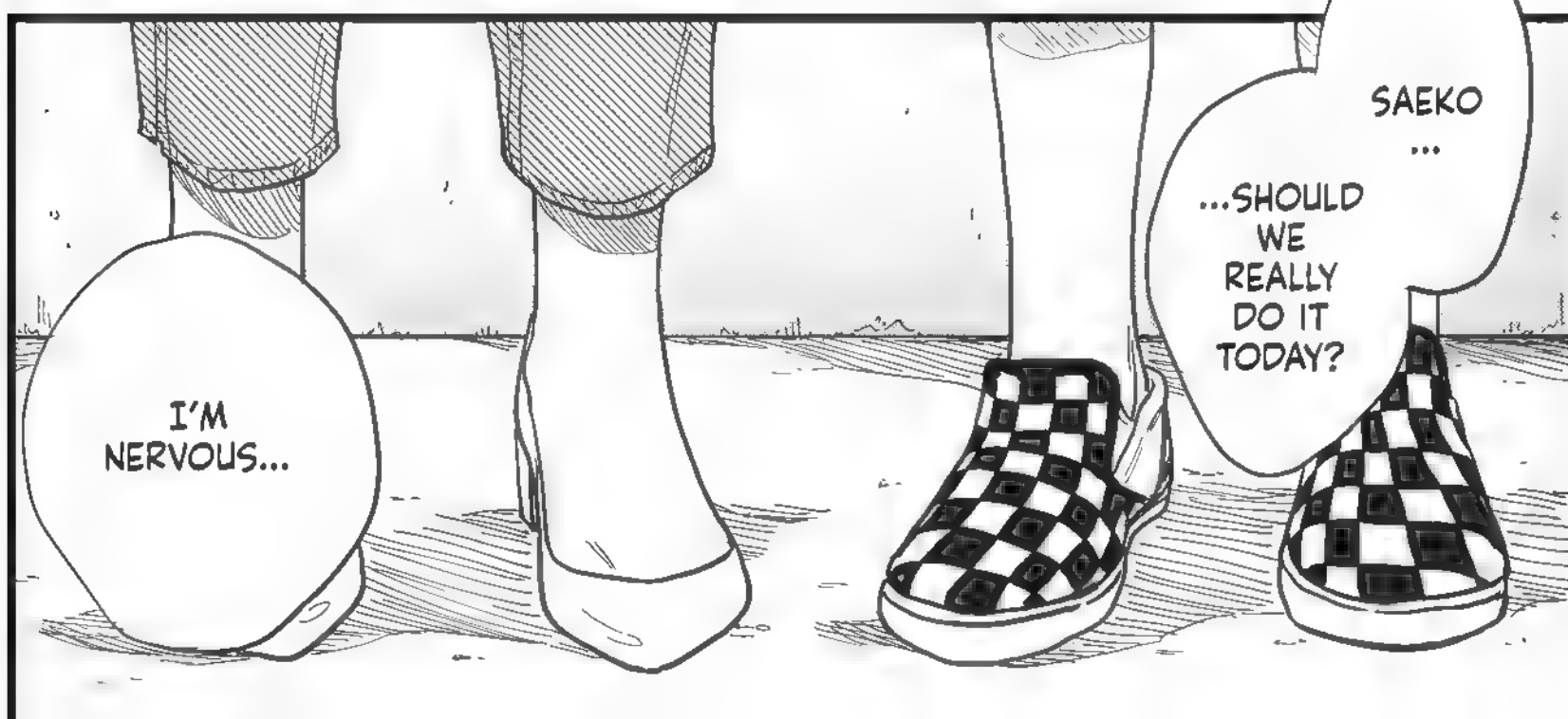
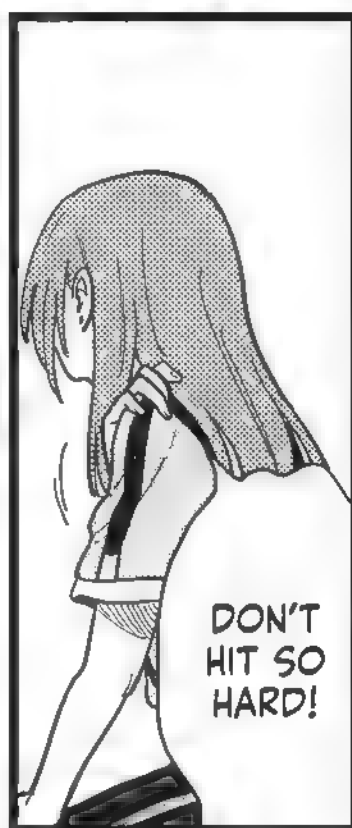
REACTION
...?

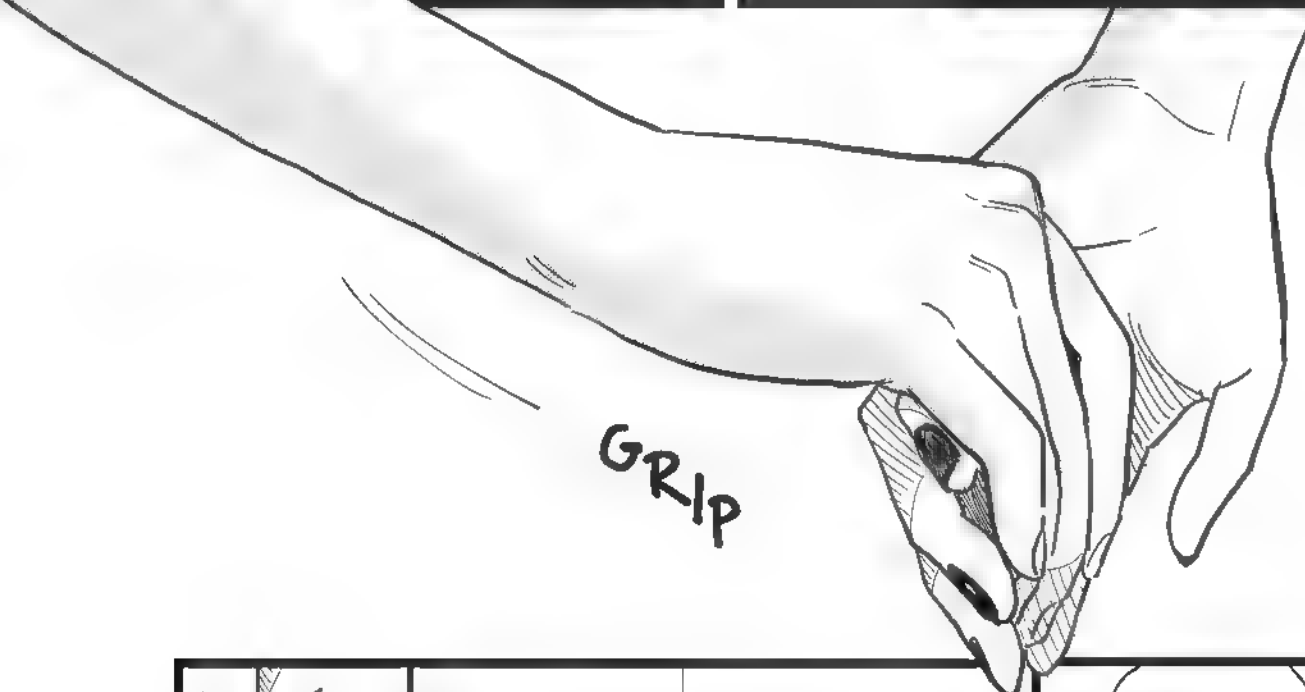
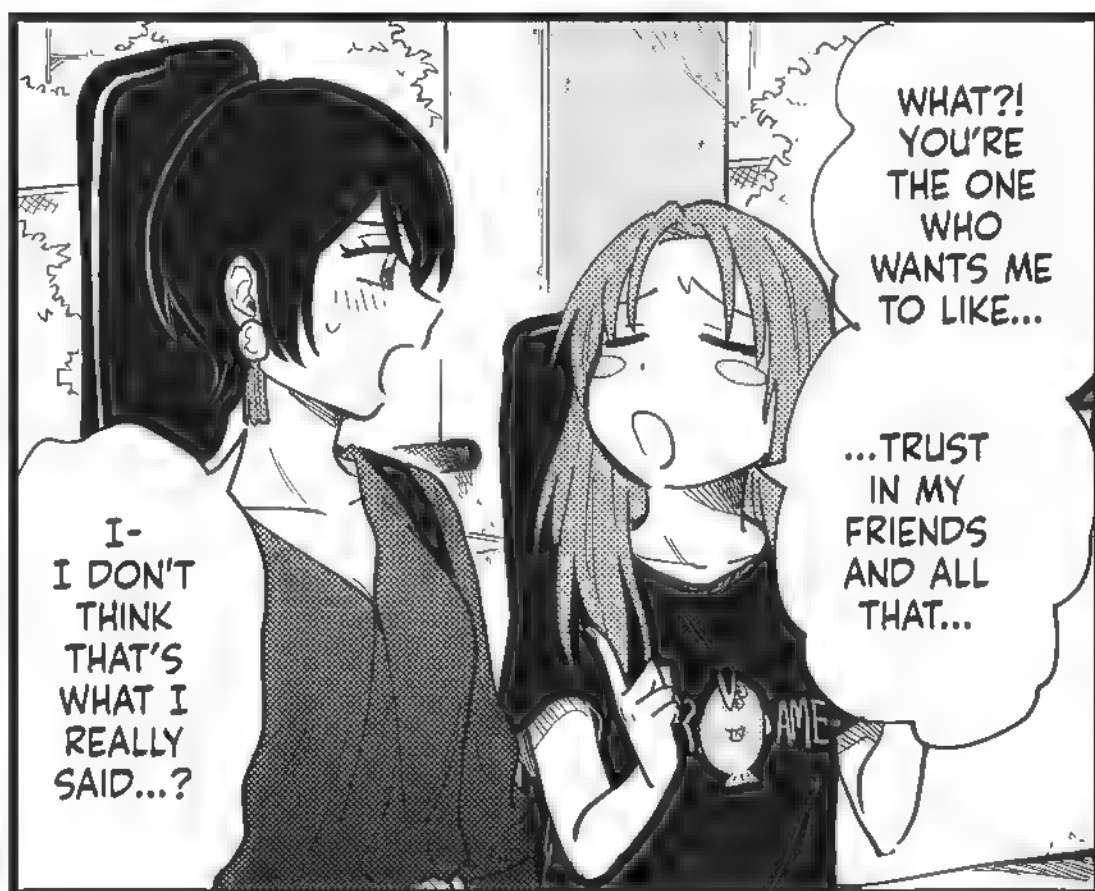


GULP





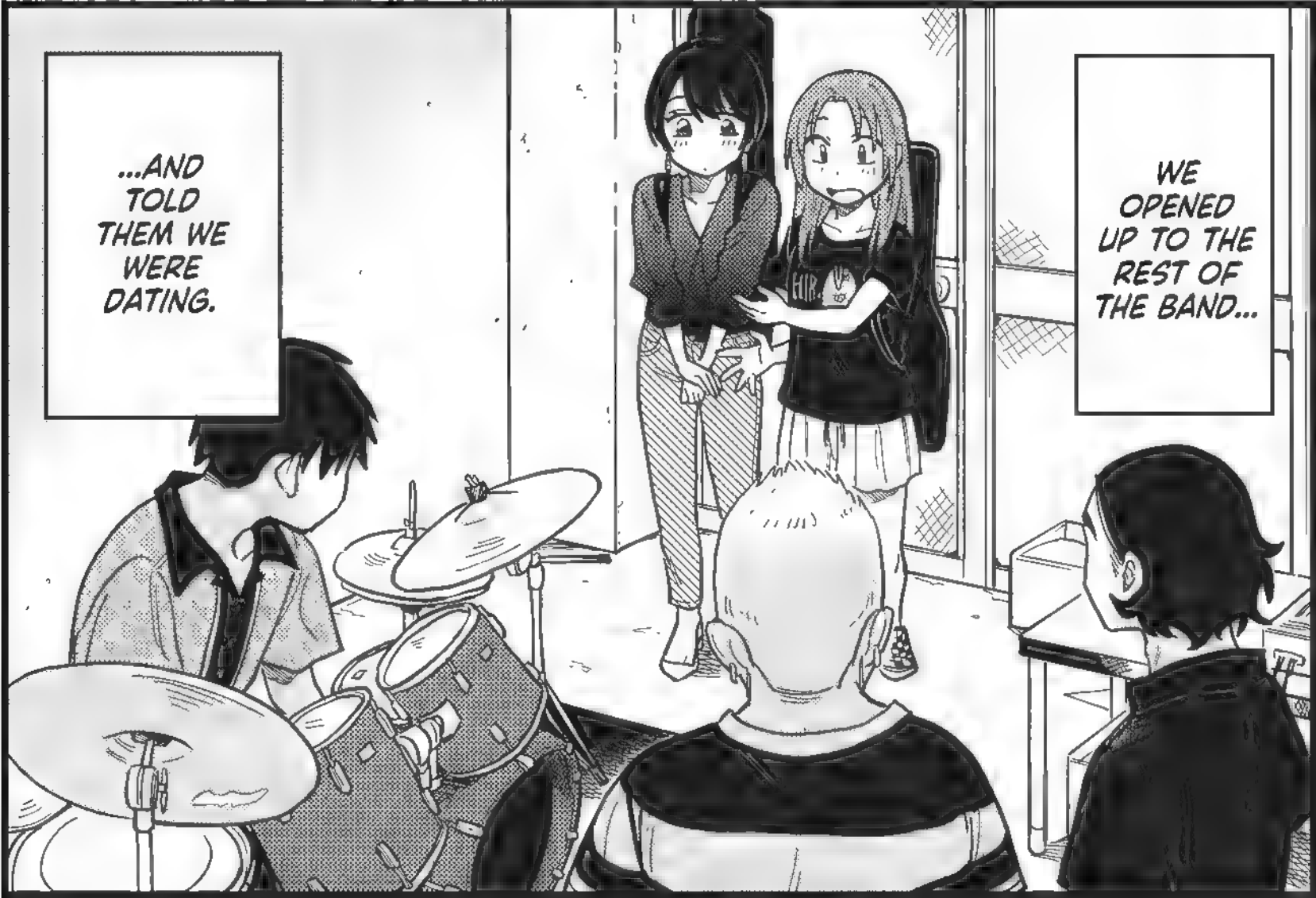


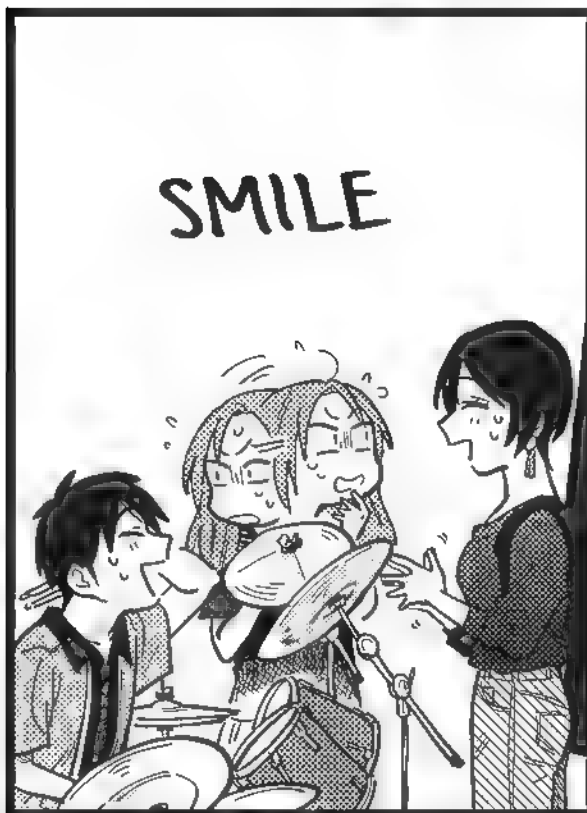
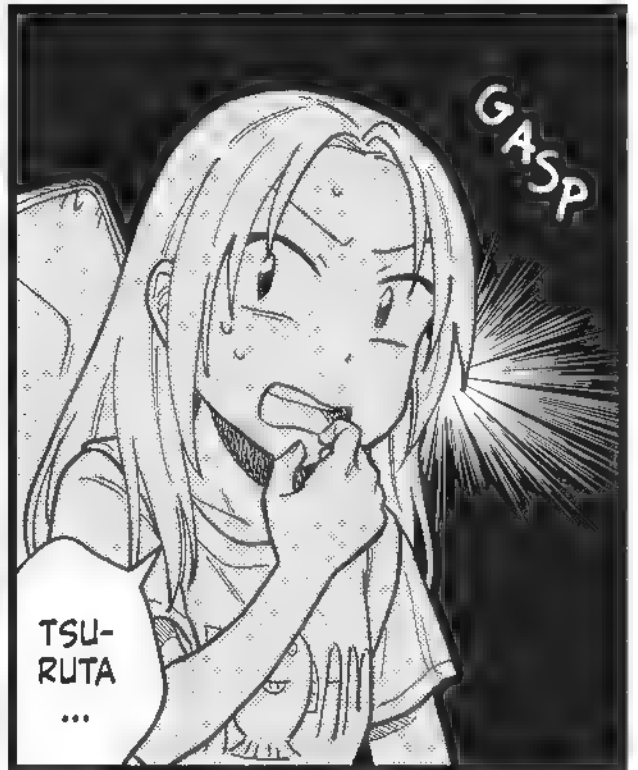


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Chapter 5: I'm a Romantic, You See

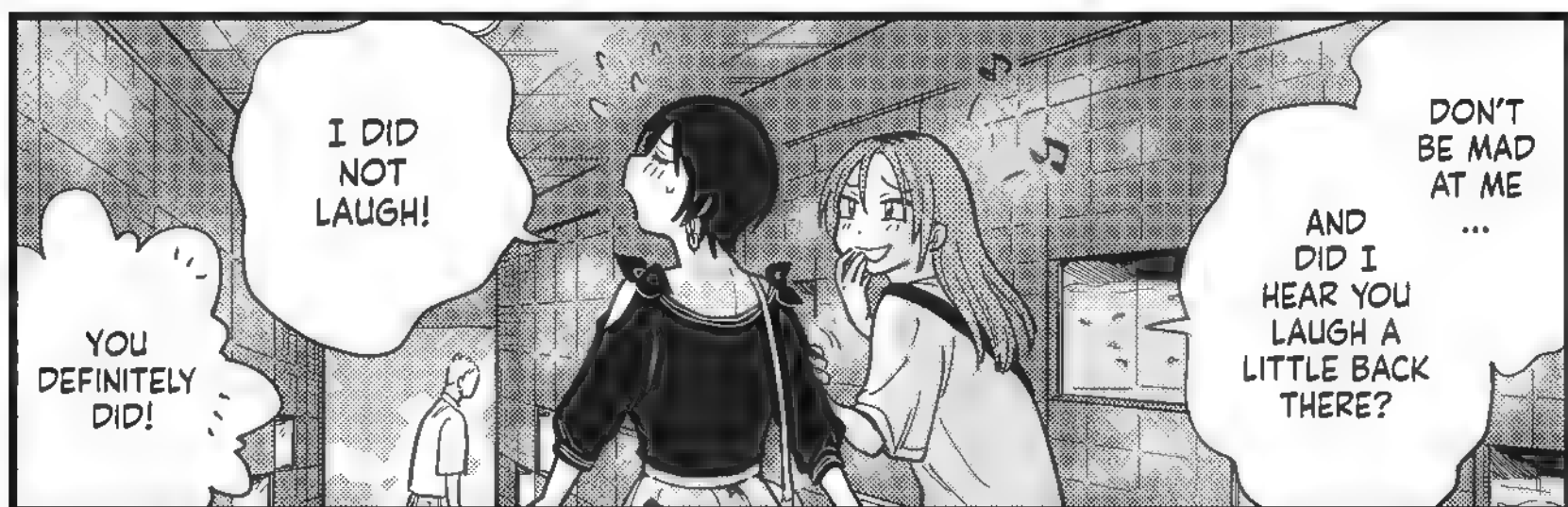
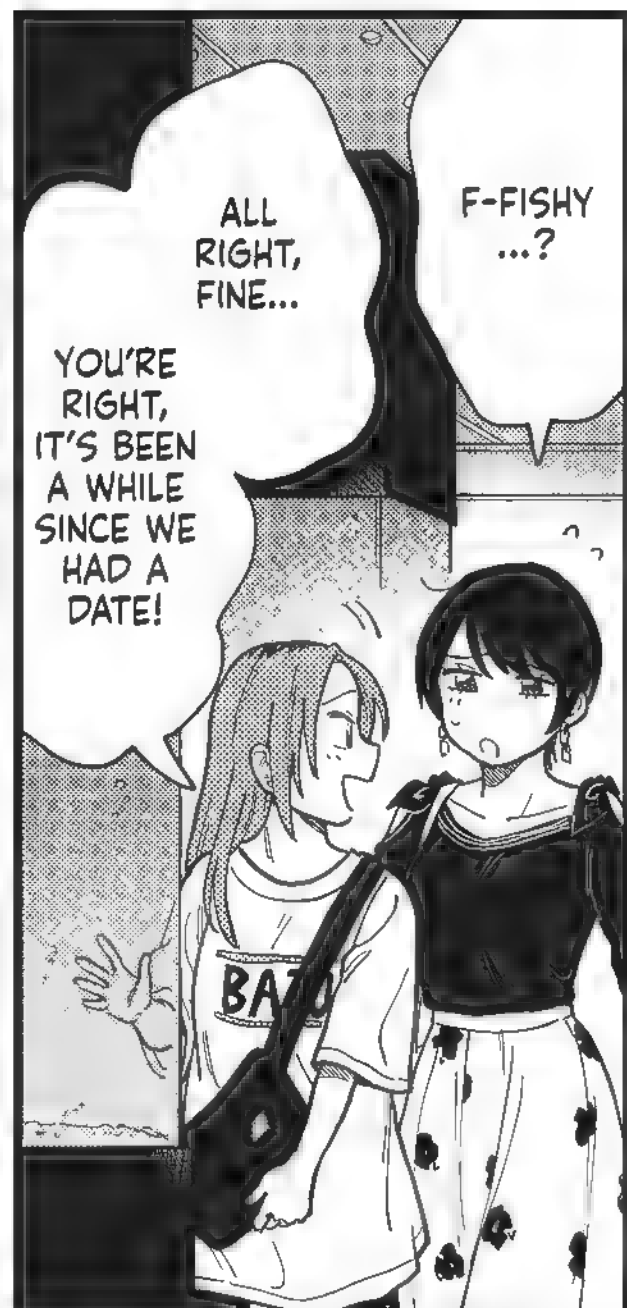
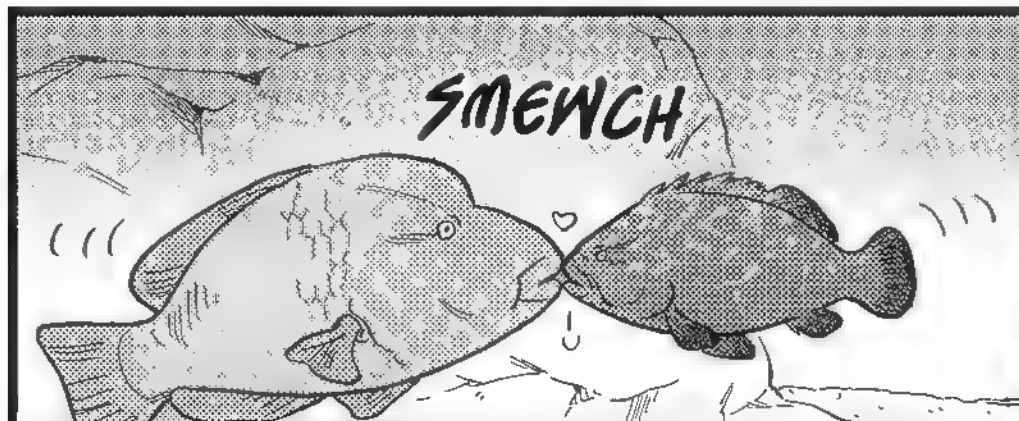
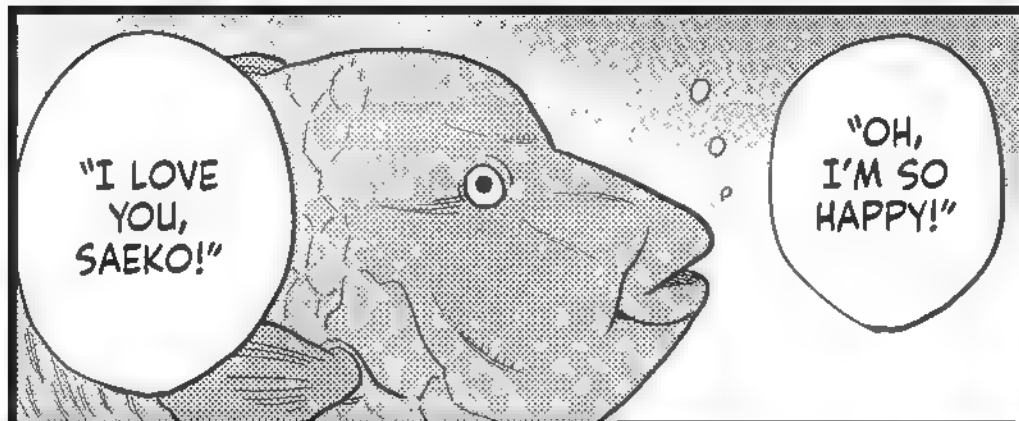
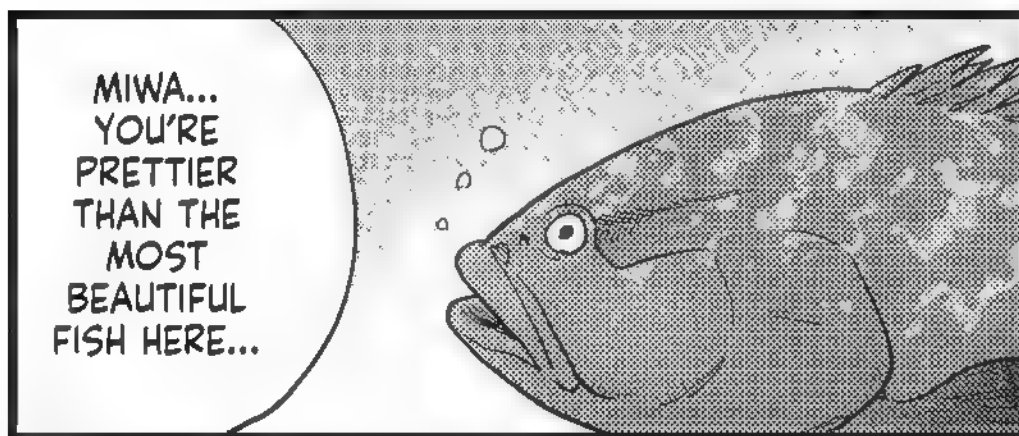




SO FOR NOW, I CAN RELAX.

I WAS WORRIED ABOUT A FEW THINGS...
...BUT IN THE END, NONE OF THEM TREATED US ANY DIFFERENTLY.







P-PO

NO
TICKLING
...

HEY,
CUT IT
OUT!

HEY,
LAUGH
FOR ME
AGAIN
?

TICKLE
TICKLE



NOT
SURE
...



HOW
WAS THE
MOOD
THEN?



AHH, THIS
IS THE REAL
THRILL OF
BEING IN
COLLEGE...

IT'S
FINE.
IT'S
THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
WEEK.
NO
ONE'S
HERE.

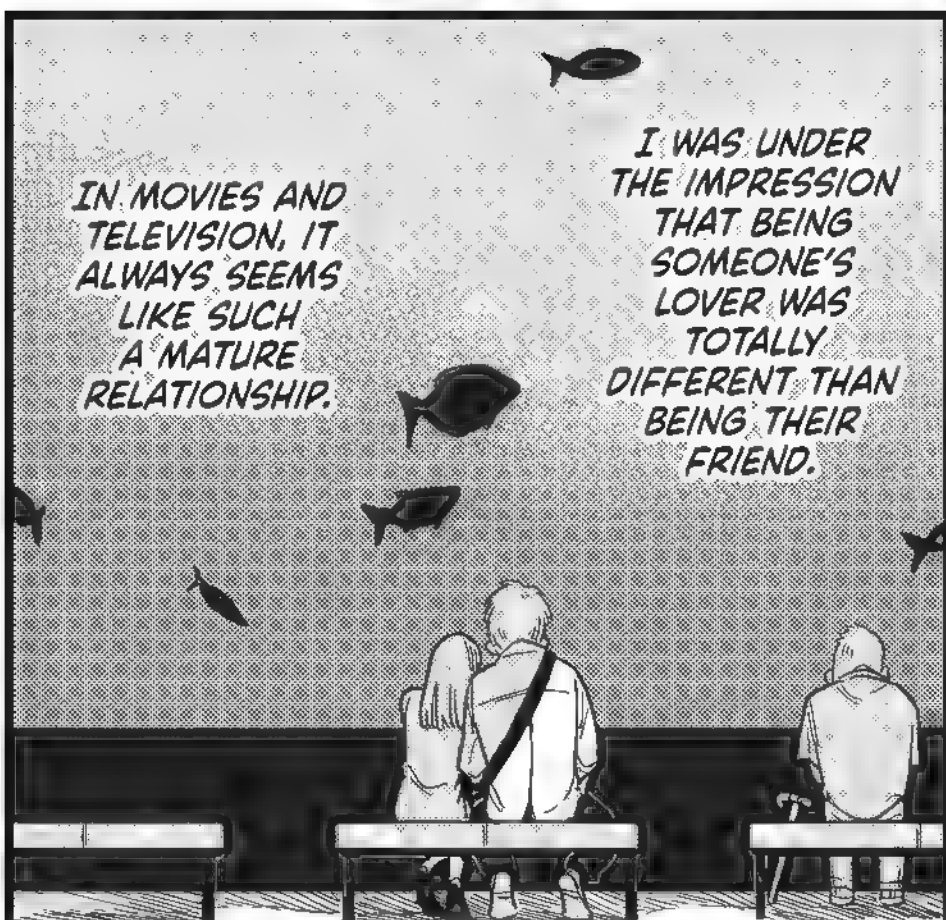


NO
MORE
!

THIS
TIME
I'LL
GET IT
RIGHT!

ALL
RIGHT,
LET ME
TRY
AGAIN
!

WHAT IF
SOMEONE
SEES
US?!



IN MOVIES AND
TELEVISION, IT
ALWAYS SEEMS
LIKE SUCH
A MATURE
RELATIONSHIP.

I WAS UNDER
THE IMPRESSION
THAT BEING
SOMEONE'S
LOVER WAS
TOTALLY
DIFFERENT THAN
BEING THEIR
FRIEND.



SOMETHING I'VE
DISCOVERED
NOW THAT I'M
DATING...

...IS THE HUGE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
FANTASY AND
REALITY.



BEING WITH
SAEKO IS
NOTHING LIKE
THAT...

...BUT
WEIRDLY
IT DOESN'T
REALLY BOTHER
ME.



IT'S
DIFFERENT
THAN I HAD
IMAGINED
IT, TRUE...

...BUT
THERE ARE
SO MANY
THINGS
THAT I NOW
REALIZE I
COULDN'T
HAVE
POSSIBLY
IMAGINED...

HEY,
MIWA!

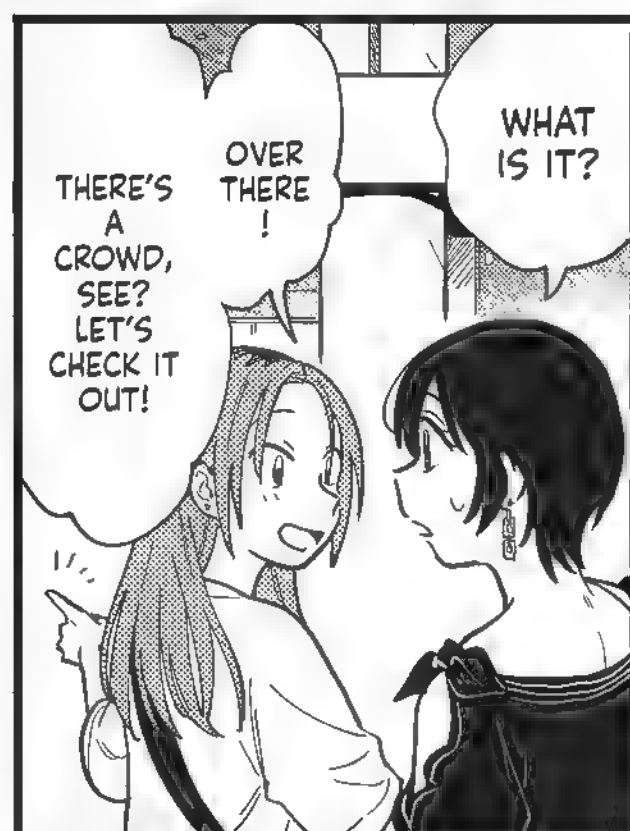
C'MERE
A
MINUTE!

GRAB



IT'S
INCREDIBLY
FUN...

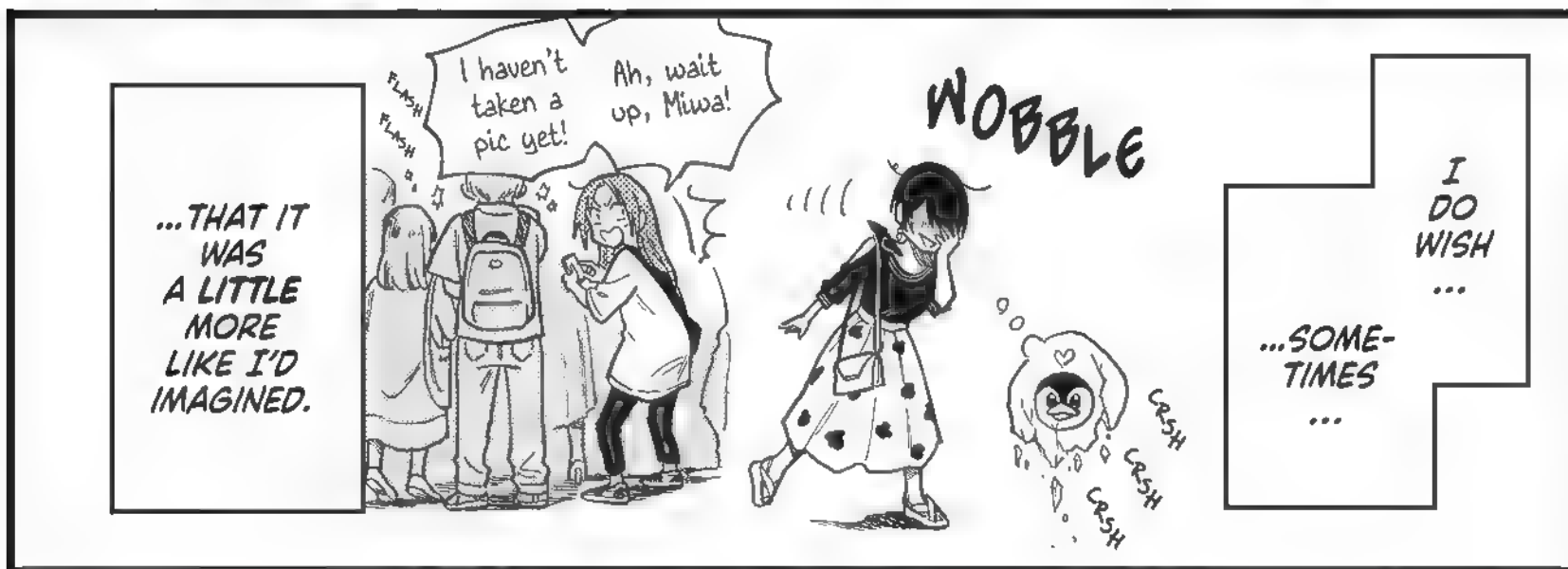
...AND ALSO
KIND OF A
WONDERFUL
THING, I
THINK.



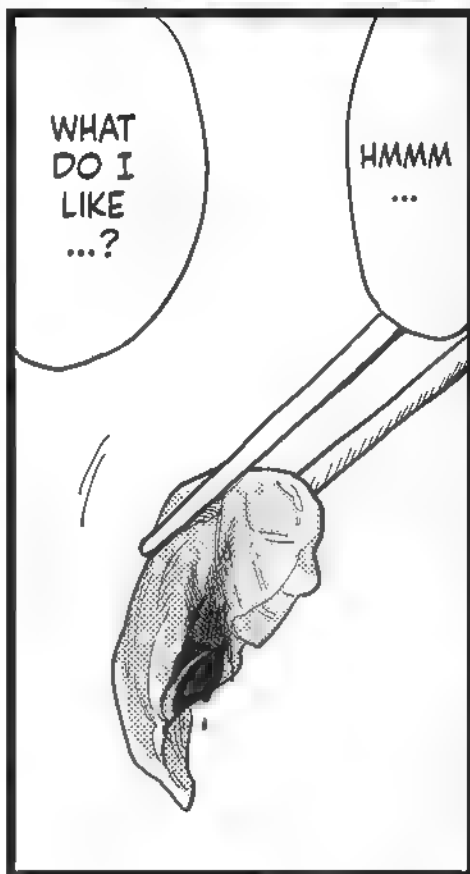
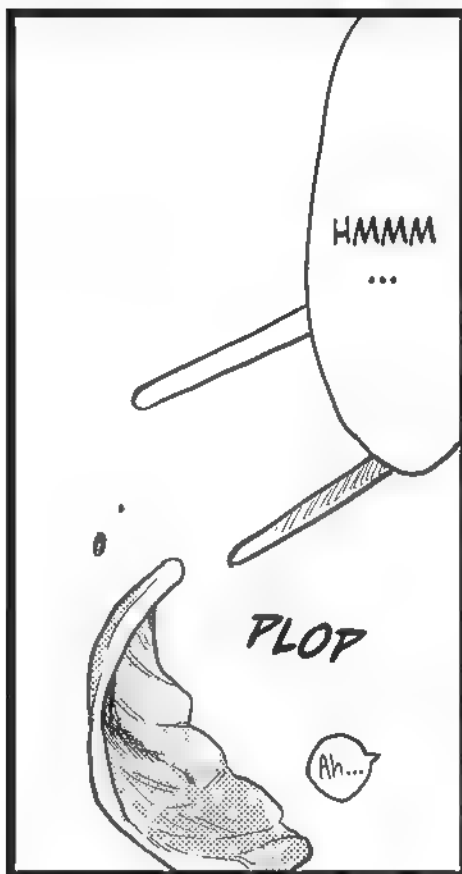
THERE'S
A
CROWD,
SEE?
LET'S
CHECK IT
OUT!

OVER
THERE
!

WHAT
IS IT?














I WAS
MOSTLY
LYING
ABOUT MY
STOMACH,
ANYWAY!



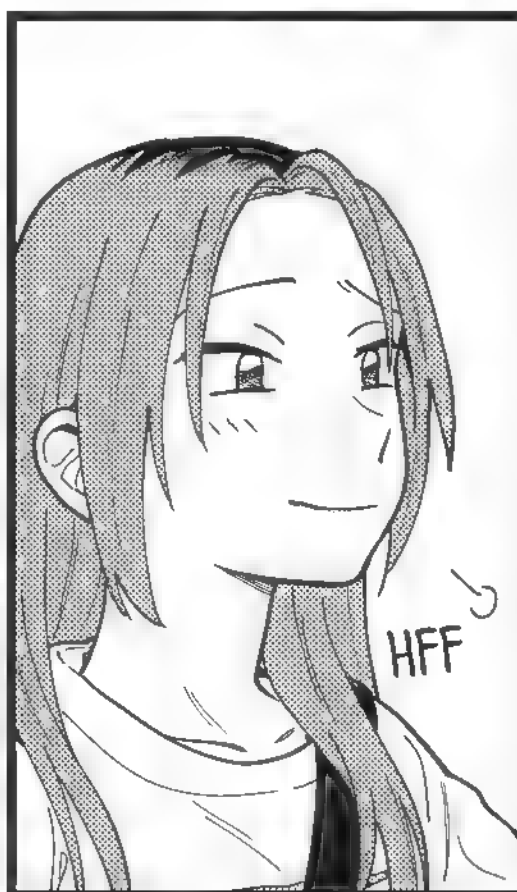
TODAY
...



...I'D
LIKE TO...
Y'KNOW
...



W-





BUT MAN...
I FIGURED
I WAS
WAITING,
TO BE
HONEST.

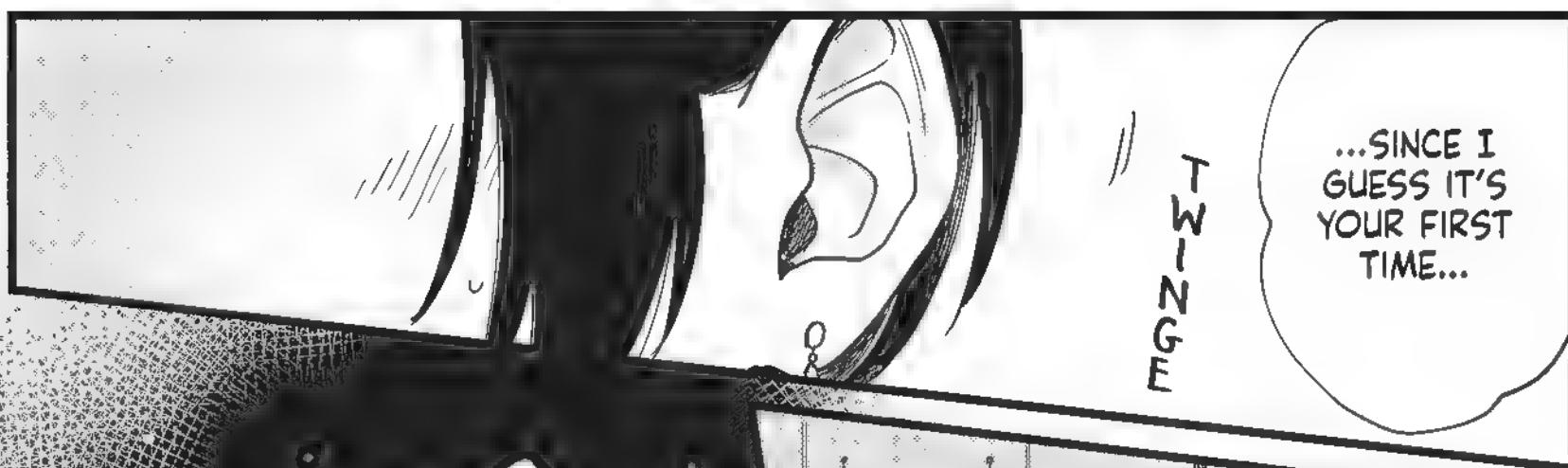
THAT'S
JUST HOW
IT IS,
THOUGH...



I'M
SORRY,
IT'S
JUST...

I
SAID
IT'S
FINE!

WE'LL
WAIT
FOR
AN-
OTHER
TIME.



...SINCE I
GUESS IT'S
YOUR FIRST
TIME...

7GZ-WT



HMM?
YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
PRETEND
ANYMORE
...

IT'S
NOT...
MY
FIRST
TIME.

STOP
MAKING
FUN OF
ME!!

I'M
JUST
NOT
AS...



DON'T
PUSH
YOUR-
SELF.

I'LL BE
SURE TO
TREAT YOU
RIGHT FOR
YOUR FIRST
TIME.
♡

I'M
NOT AS
SLUTTY
AS YOU
ARE,
SAEKO!!



I
PICKED
A FIGHT
...

AHH...
WHAT
DO I
DO
...?

I
DEFINITELY
SHOULDN'T
HAVE SAID
THAT...



TELL
ME ALL
ABOUT
IT!

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO'S
GOING
OUT WITH
SAEKO!!

HEY,
ARE
YOU
MIWA?

YOU'RE
MIWA,
RIGHT
?

HEY,
RIKA
!

YOU
DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
HER!

S
L
U
M
P



OH,
BUT YOU
KNOW
HER!

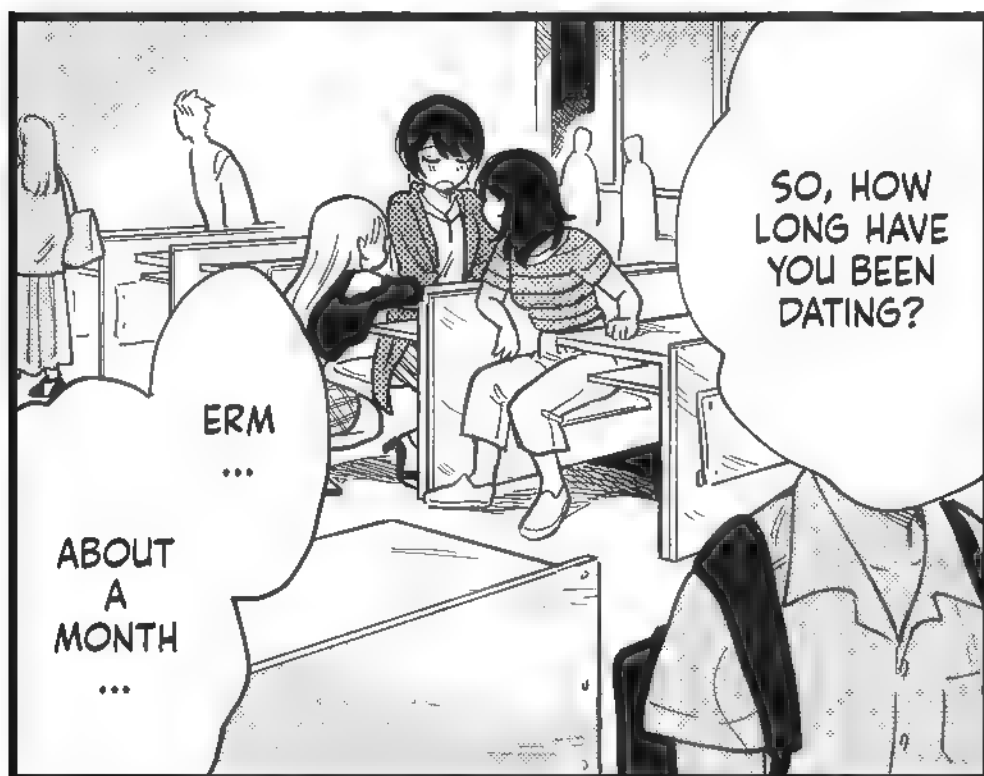
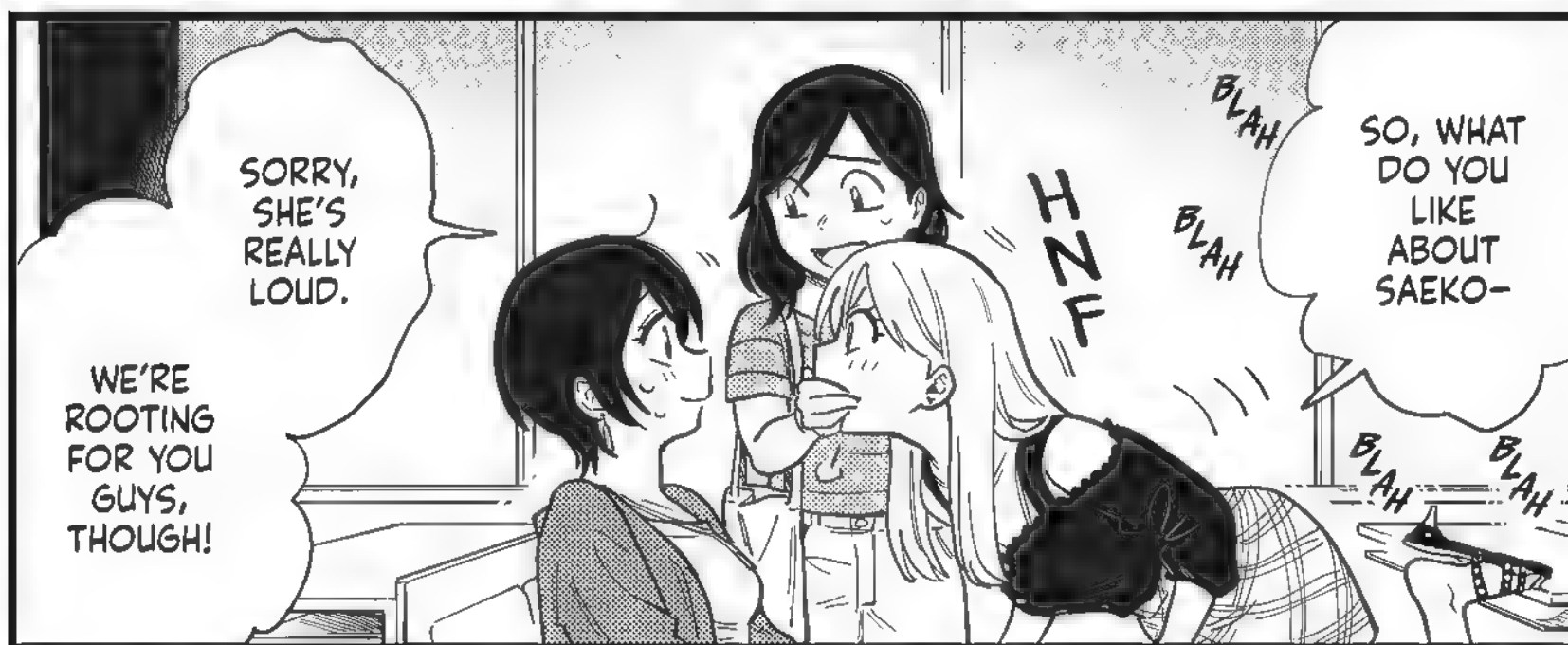
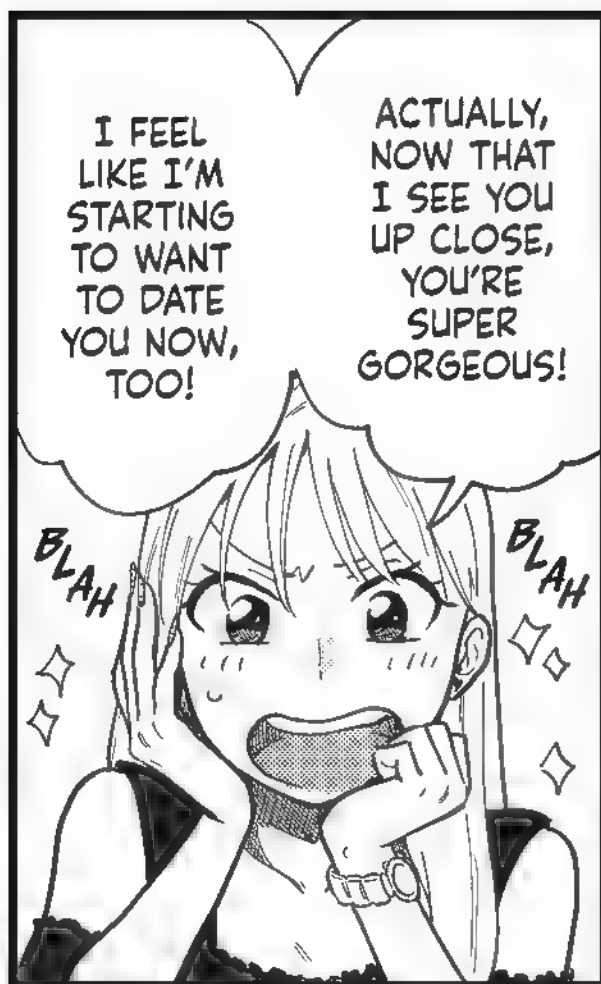
THIS IS
USSHI ON
GUITAR!

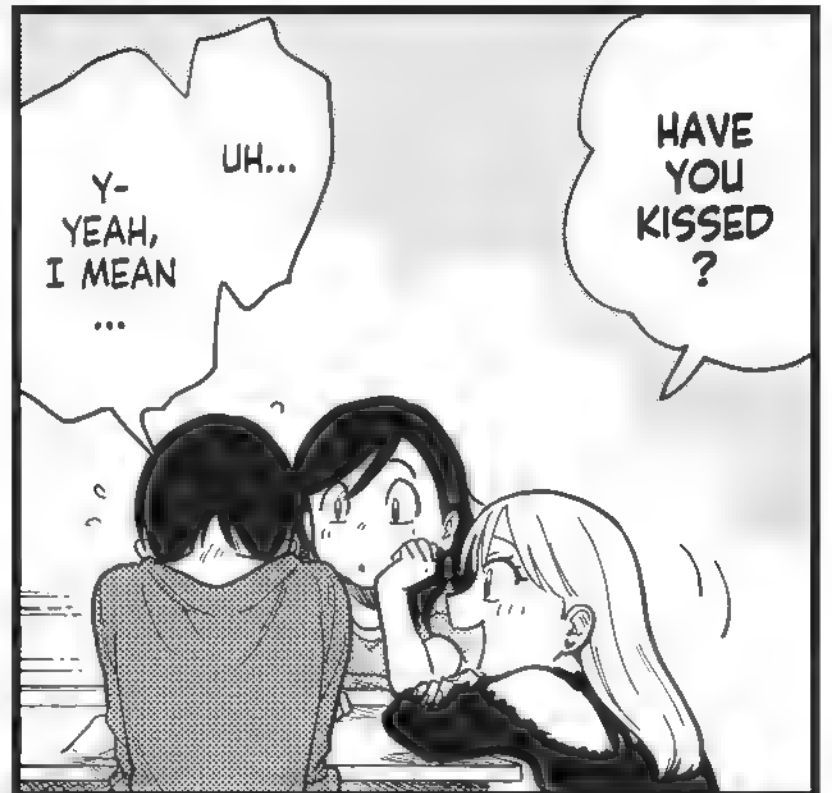
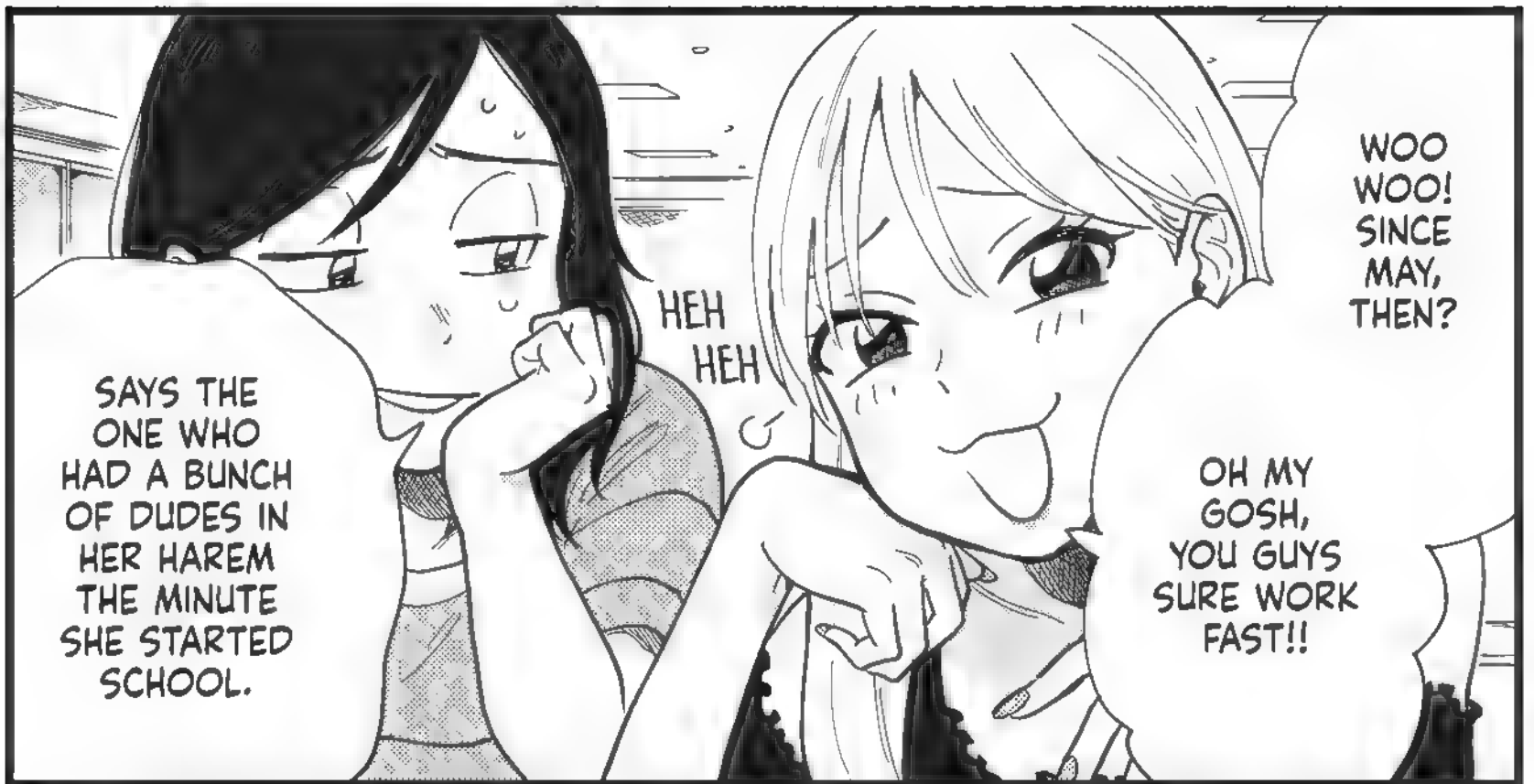
YEAH!
I'M THE
SINGER,
RIKA!

NO,
NO,
WE'VE
MET.

SHE'S
IMPOS-
SIBLE TO
FORGET,
REALLY...

YOU'RE
IN THE
SAME
BAND AS
USSHI,
RIGHT
?





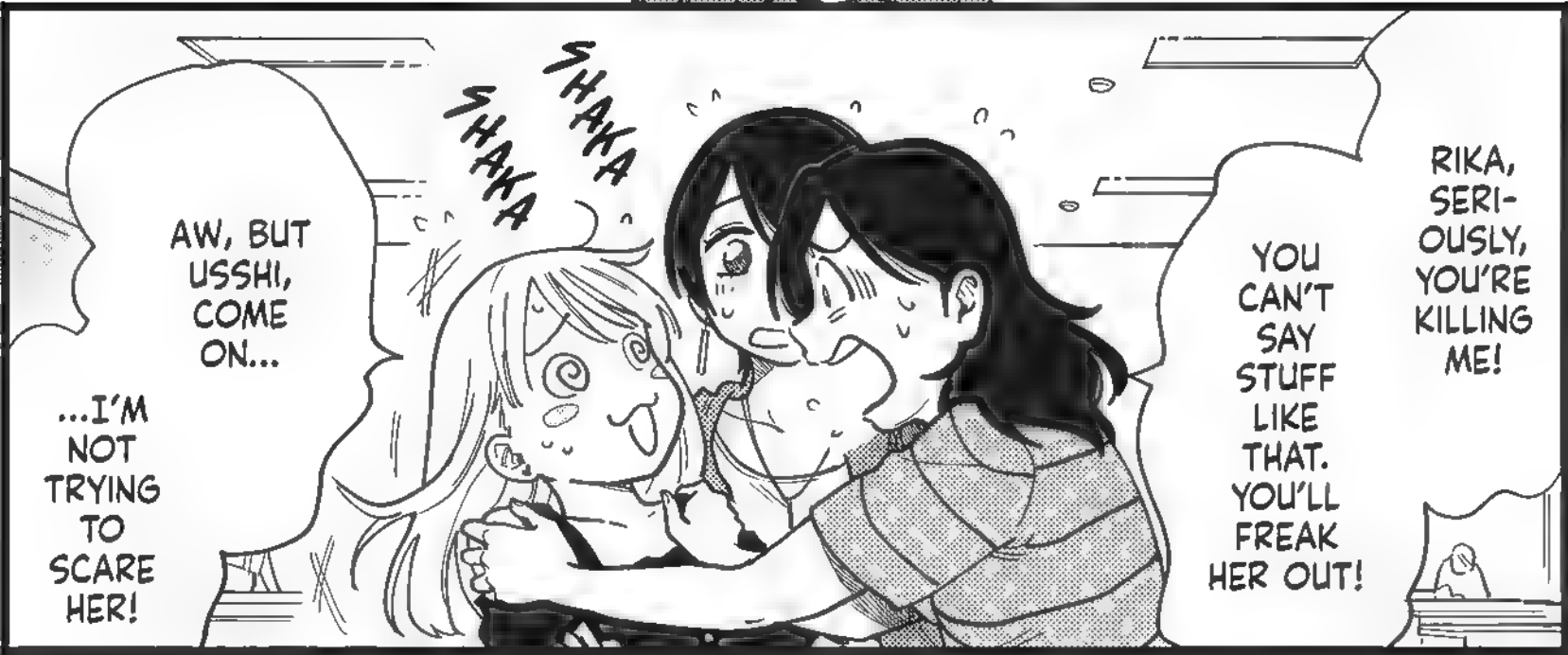




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Chapter 6: This Really Is Love





IF SHE
WANTS TO
TOUCH ME
BECAUSE SHE
CARES ABOUT
ME...

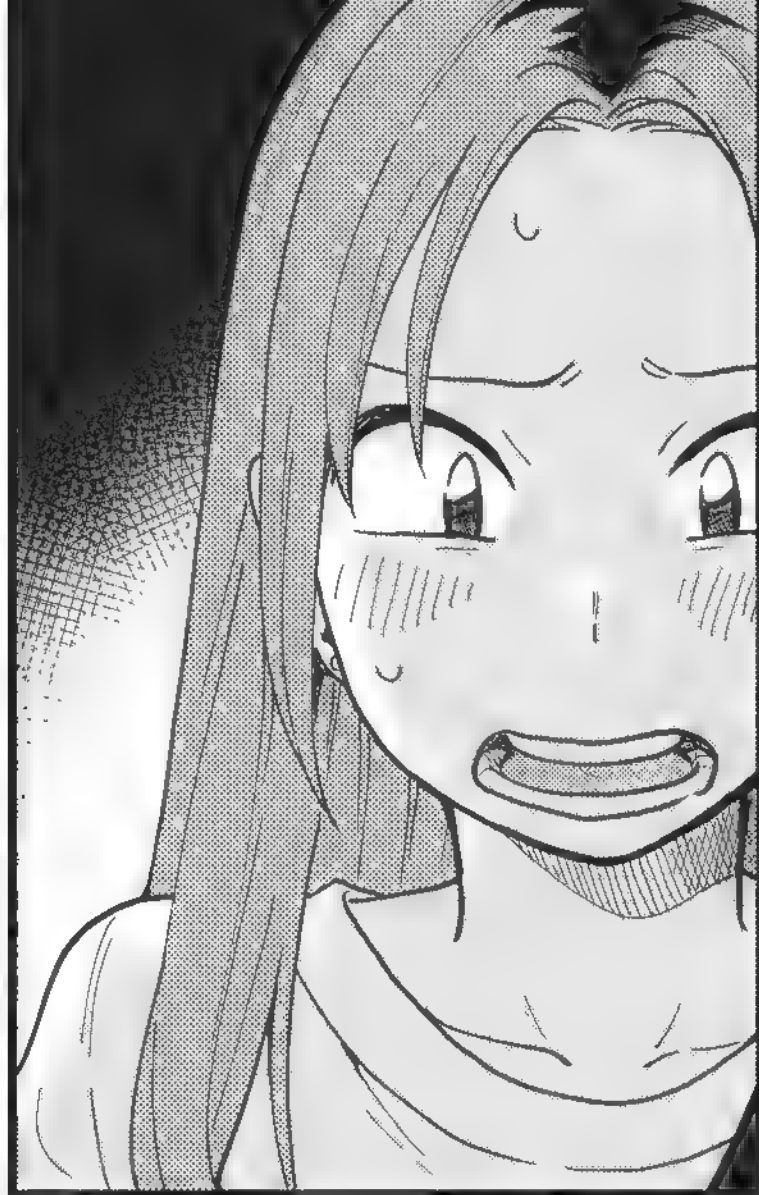
...THEN WHAT
I DID WAS
EVEN WORSE.



IF THAT'S
THE CASE...

...I FEEL
EVEN
GUILTIER.

I MIGHT HAVE
JUST STOMPED
ON SAEKO'S
AFFECTIONS.



I HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE.



THAT'S
MIWA.

EHM...
WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME
AGAIN
?!

ANYWAY,
YOU'RE
TAKING
PART IN A
COMPULSORY
GROUP
DATE,
I JUST
DECIDED!!

JOLT

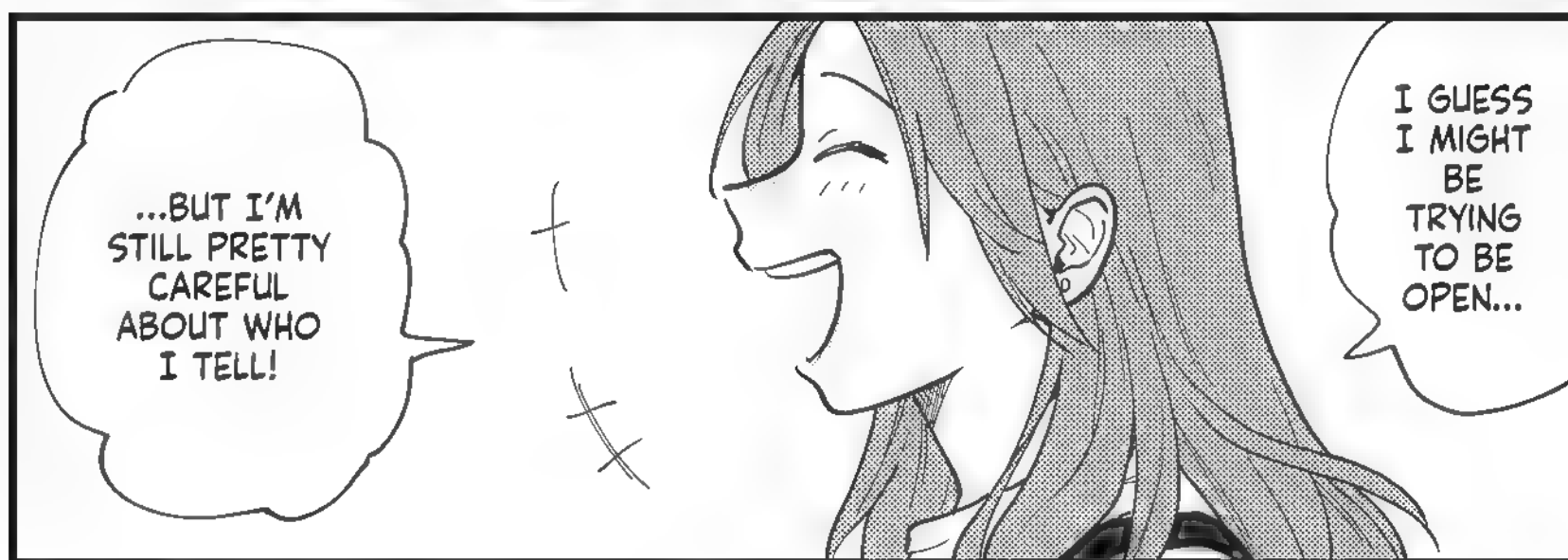
THERE
SHE IS!
FIRST-
YEAR
NUMERO
UNO!!

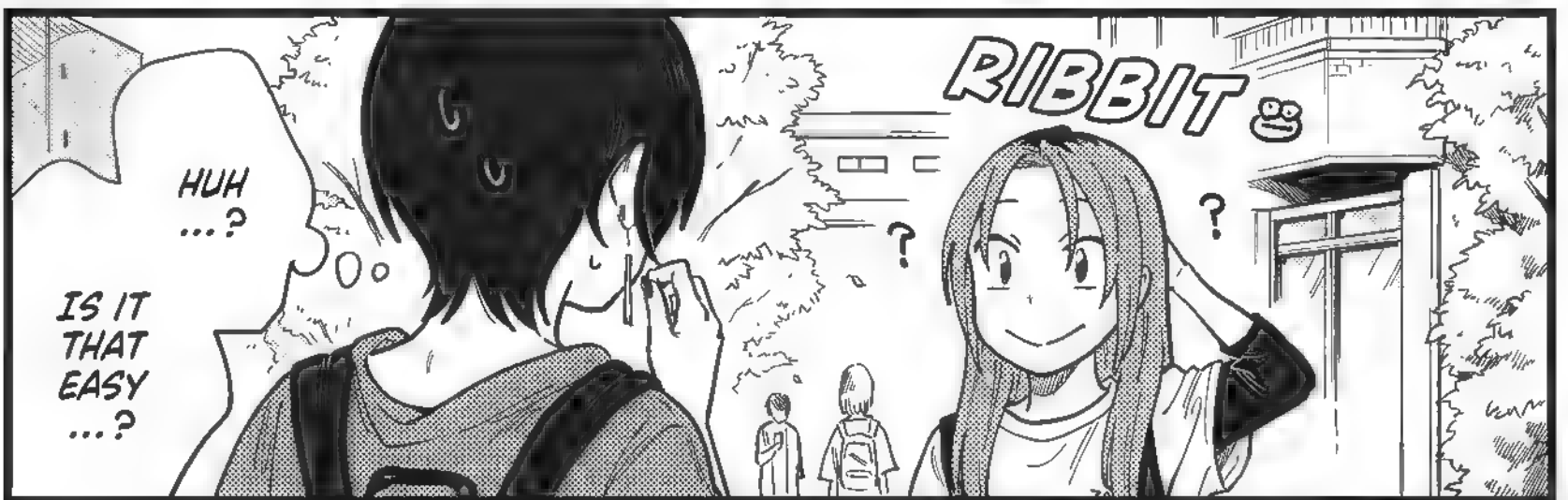
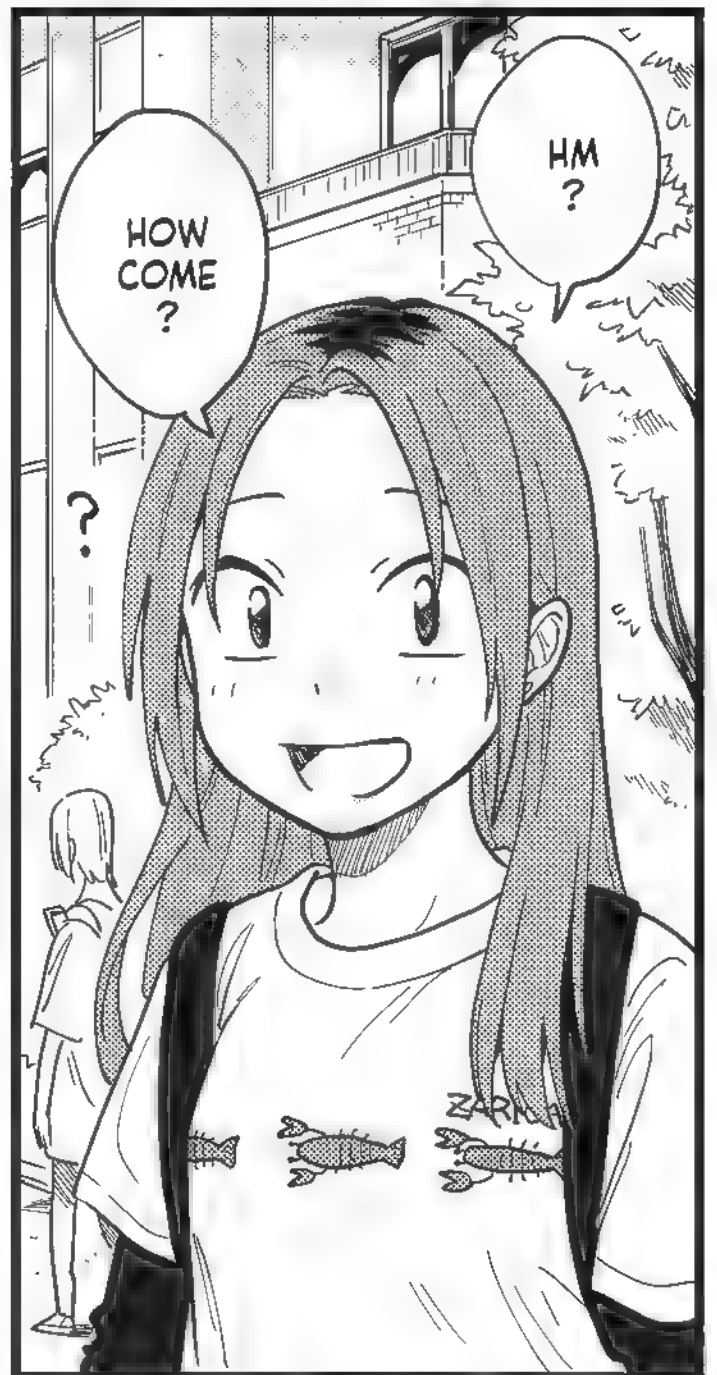
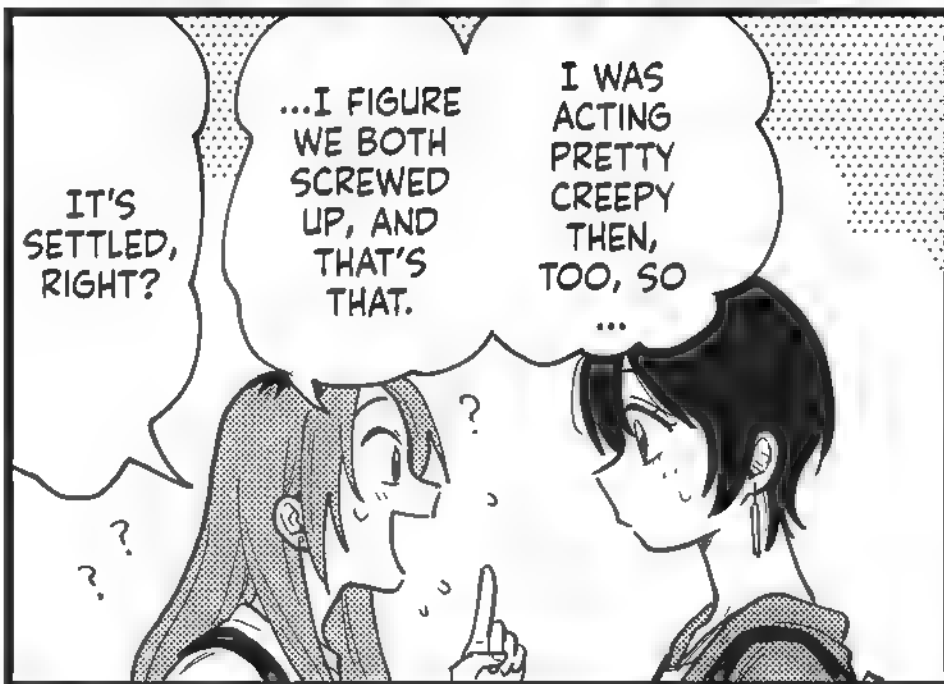
PEEK

IS
SAEKO
IN THE
CLUB
ROOM
...?





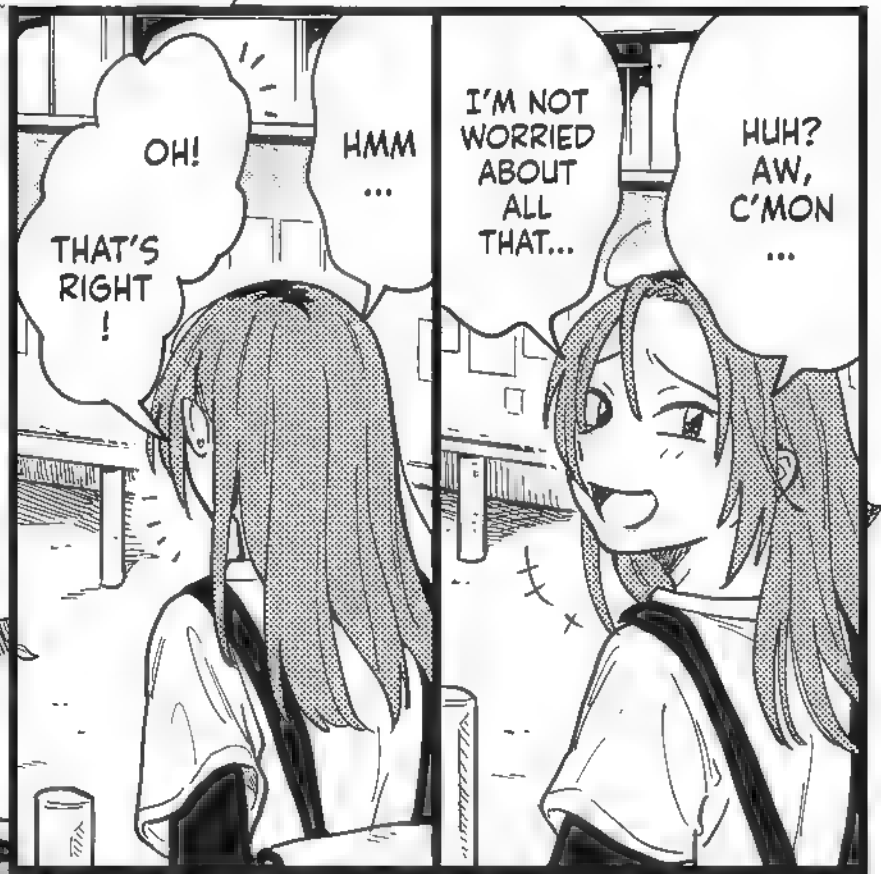






MY
BIRTHDAY'S
COMIN' UP
HERE!

JULY 9!

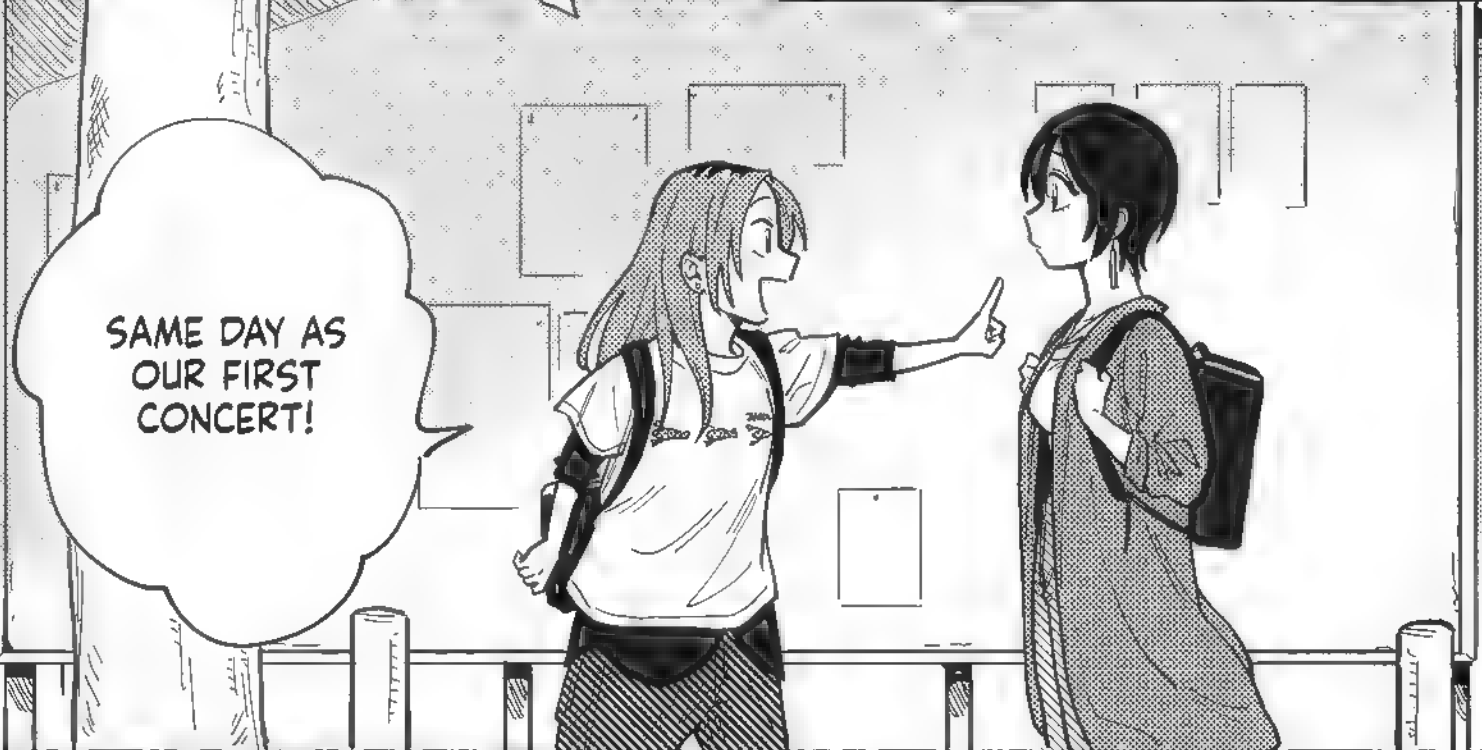


OH!
THAT'S
RIGHT
!

HMM
...

I'M NOT
WORRIED
ABOUT
ALL
THAT...

HUH?
AW,
C'MON
...



SAME DAY AS
OUR FIRST
CONCERT!



YEAH
!

AND
NOW
IT'S ALL
FIGURED
OUT!

WHA-
UH...

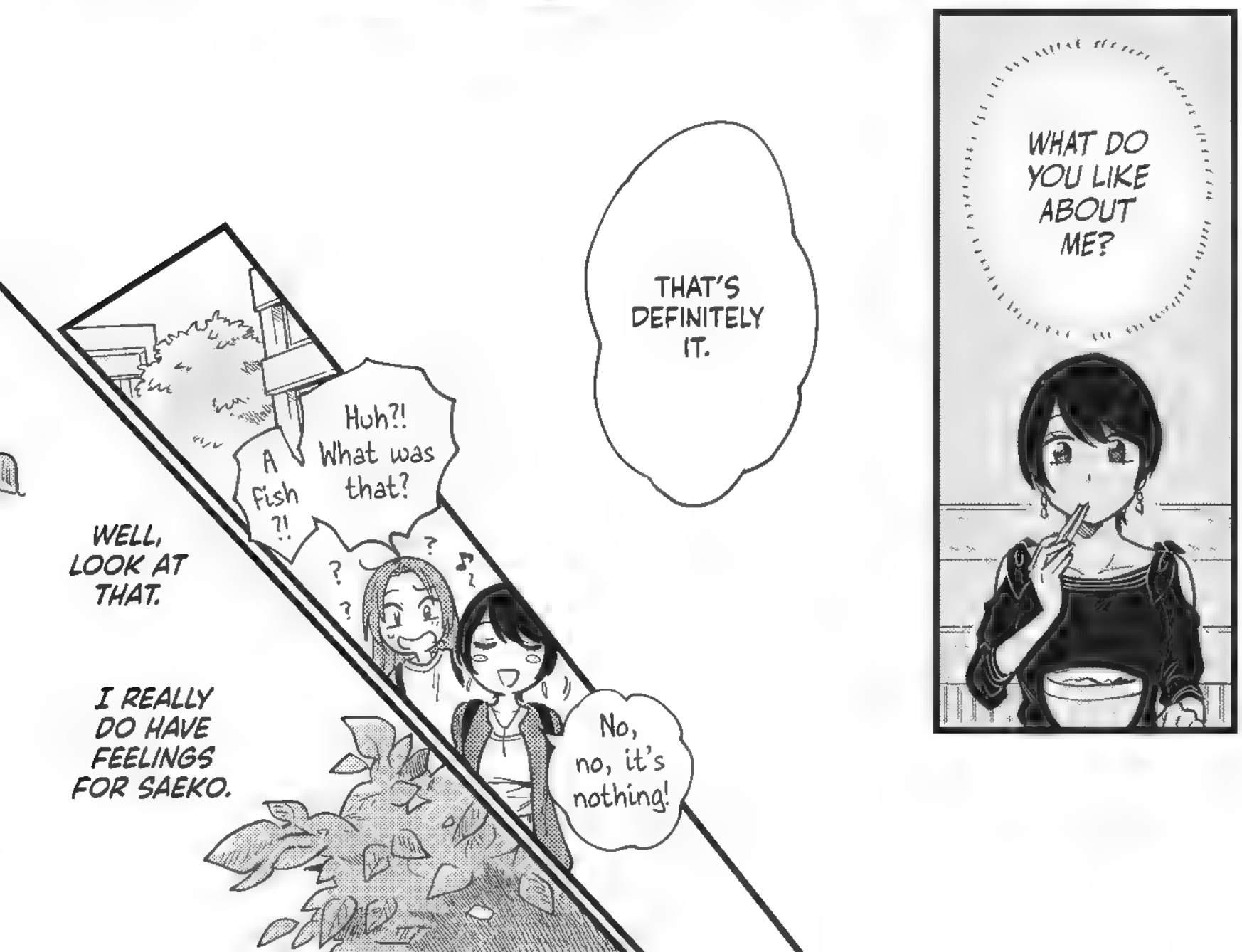
WAIT, BUT
THIS IS
A REAL
HURDLE
FOR...



...I'LL
FORGET
ALL
ABOUT
IT!

...AND
MAKE ME
FEEL LIKE
QUEEN FOR
A DAY OR
WHATEVER
...

IF YOU
WANNA
COME UP
WITH A
SUPER-
AWESOME
SURPRISE
FOR ME...





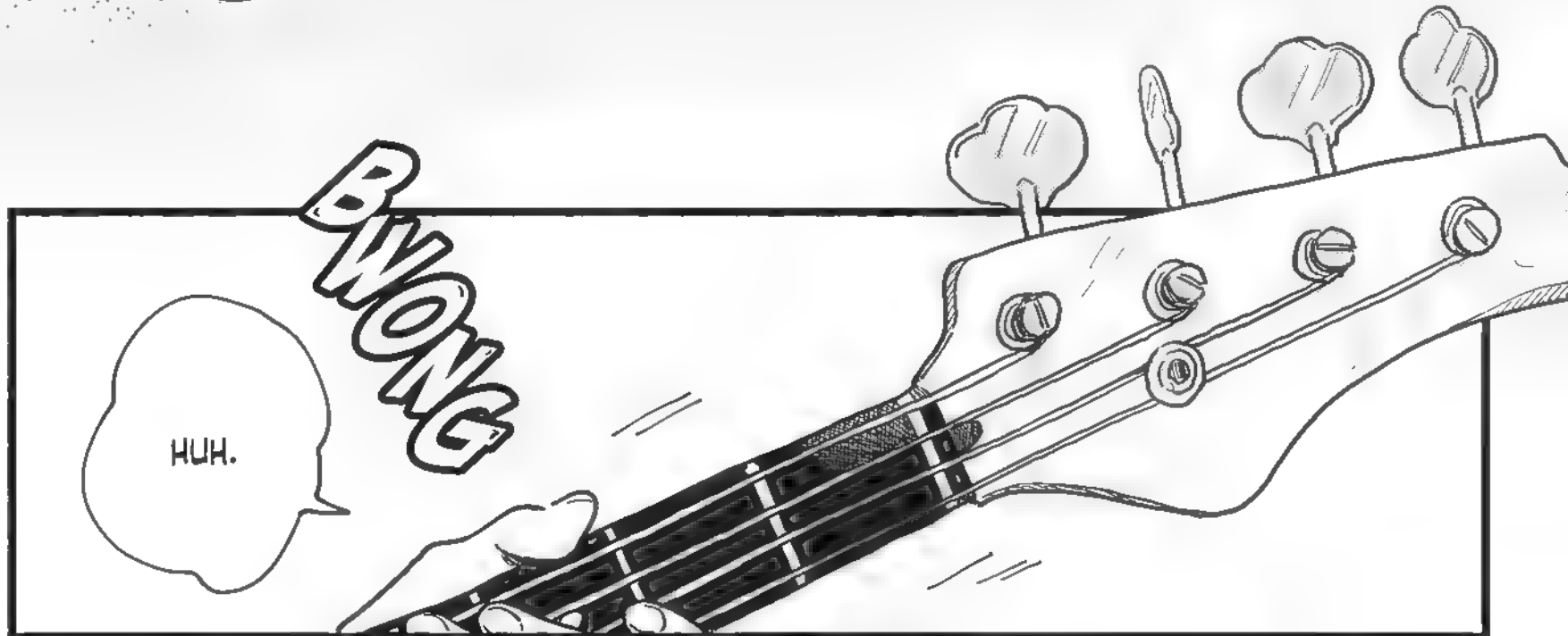
YOU
KNOW...I
THINK THIS
MIGHT BE
OKAY...!

EVEN
IF WE GET
MORE
SERIOUS
...

SHE CAN
CLEAR AWAY
ALL MY
WORRIES IN
A MERE
MOMENT.

SHE MAKES
ME LAUGH
AND CALMS
ME DOWN.

WHEN I'M
UPSET, SHE
EFFORTLESSLY
REACHES OUT
TO PICK ME
UP.

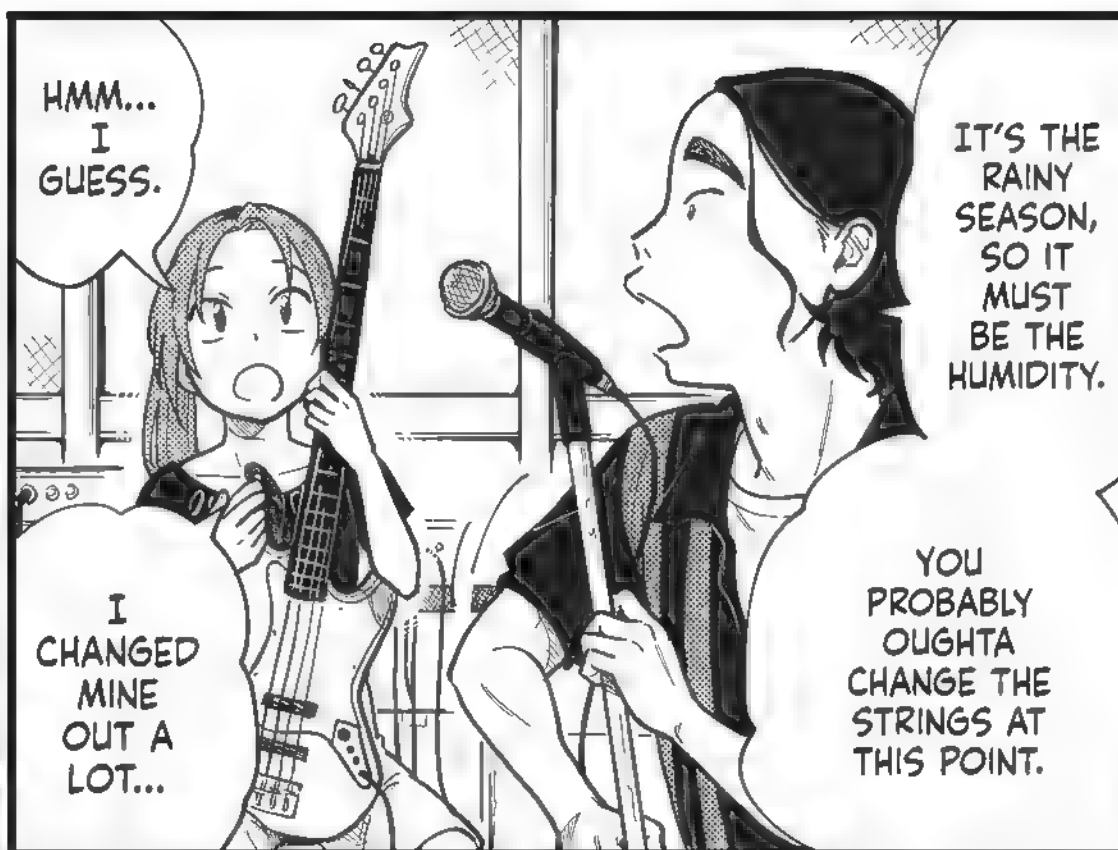


WHAT?
OH NO
...

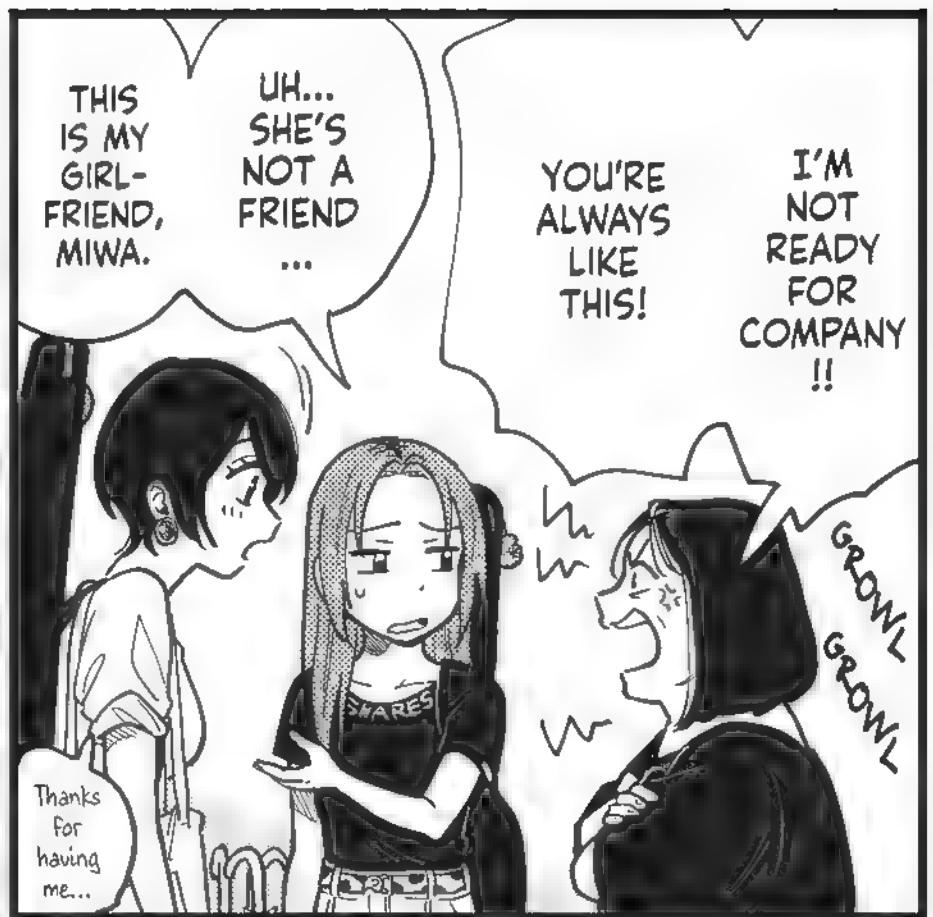
THAT'S
ODD...
I'VE BEEN
DOING MY
MAINTENANCE
AND EVERY-
THING...

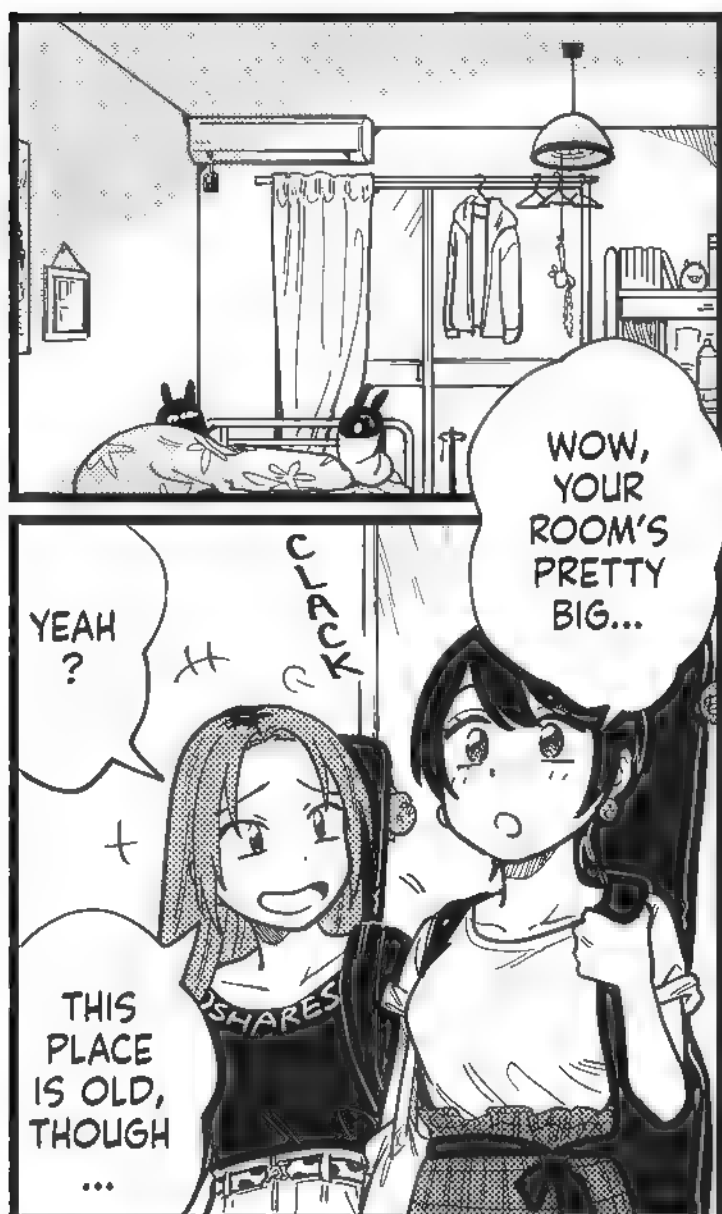
HEY,
MIWA...

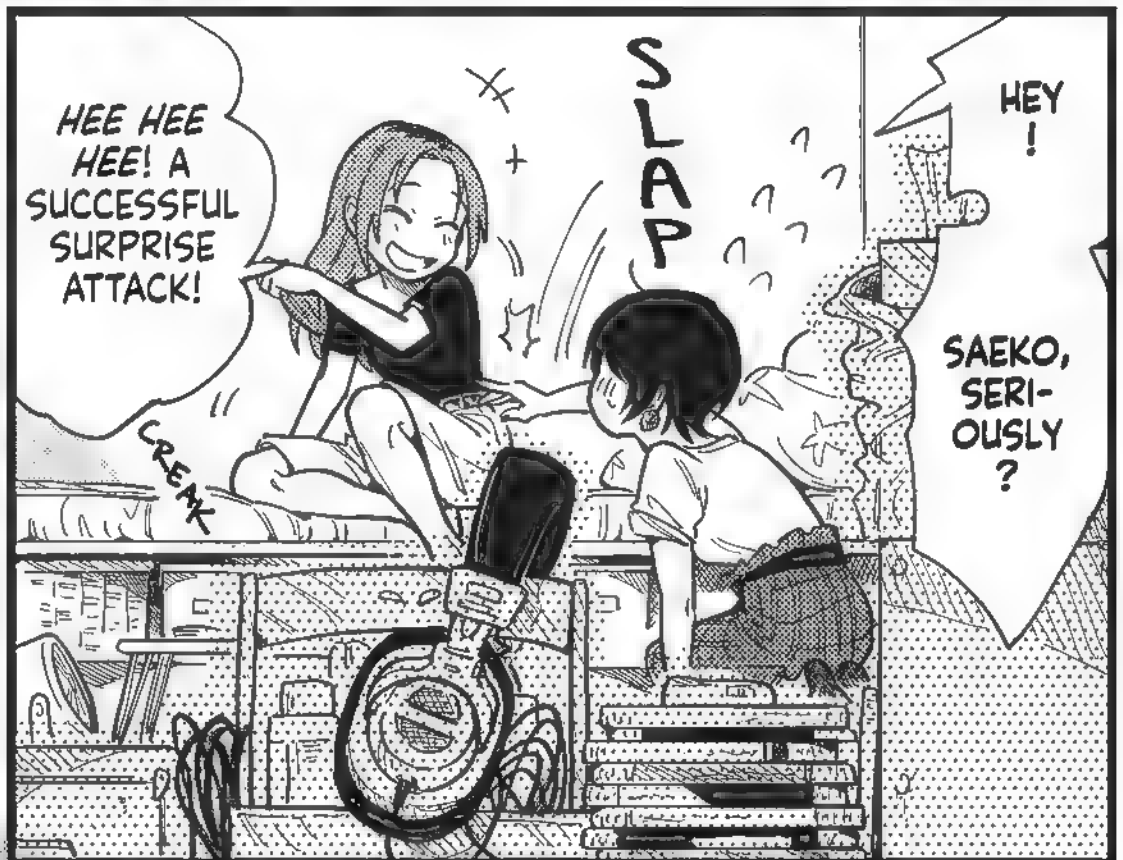
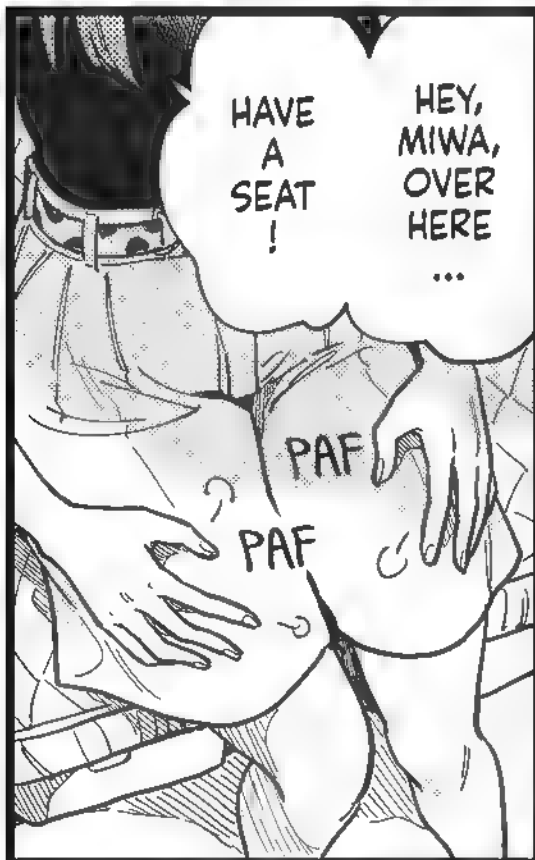
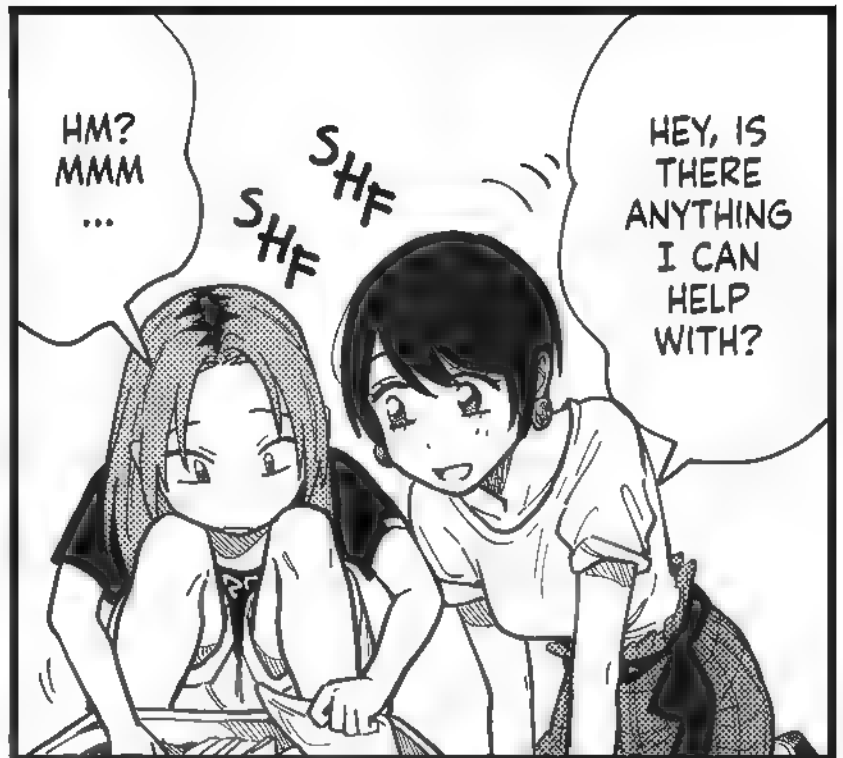
...YOUR
BASS
STRINGS
ARE
GETTING
RUSTY.













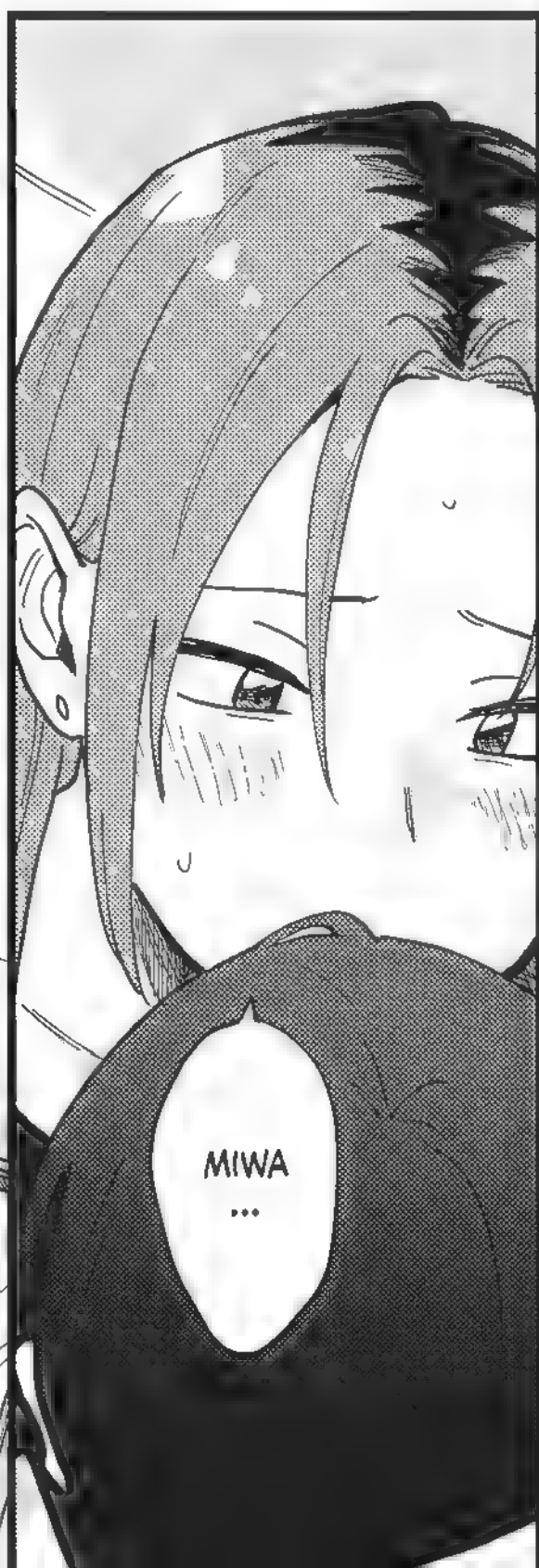
IT'S NOT
THAT I DON'T
WANT TO
HAVE SEX.

I WISH SHE
WOULD STOP
TREATING ME
LIKE A CHILD.



THIS
MUST
BE
WHAT
SHE
MEANT.

THAT GIRL
SAID THAT
THE MORE
YOU TOUCH,
THE DEEPER
YOUR LOVE
GETS.



UMM
...

...CAN
I...?

MIWA
...

I'VE
FANTASIZED
ABOUT
HAVING
SEX WITH A
WOMAN...

...MANY,
MANY
TIMES.

I THOUGHT
THAT THERE
WAS NOTHING
FOR ME TO
BE AFRAID
OF, TOO...

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Chapter 7: We're Not in Sync!

YEAH...

IF
YOU
WANT
TO...

FWWH



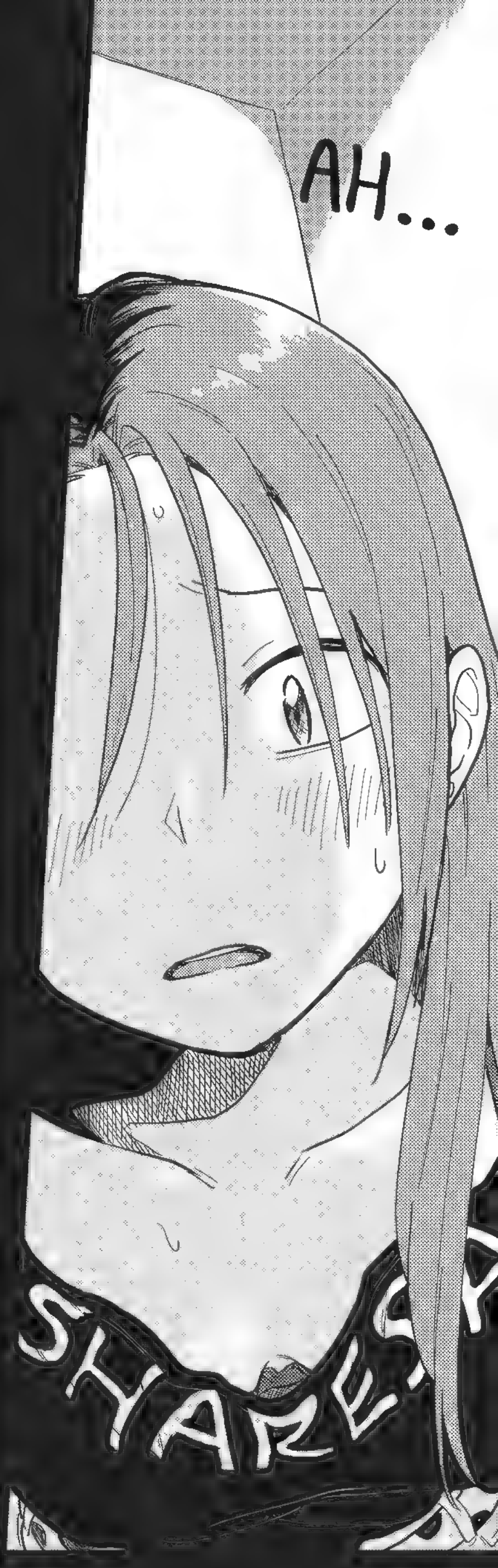


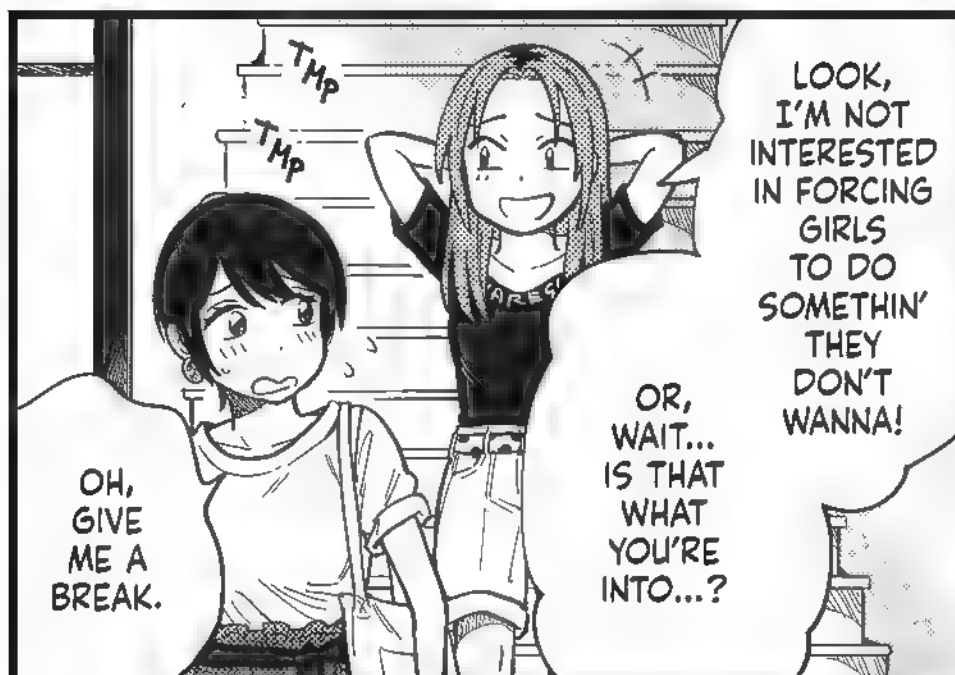
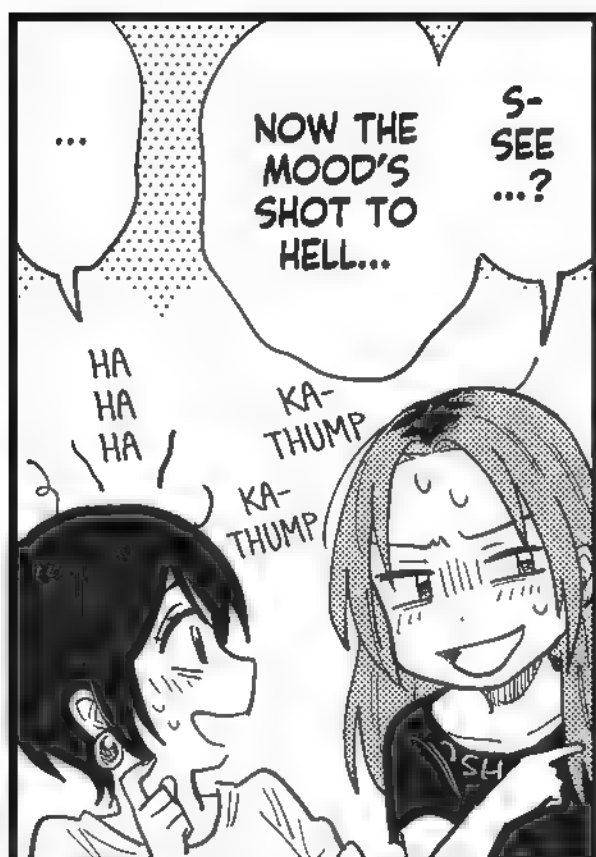
I'M
STOPPING.

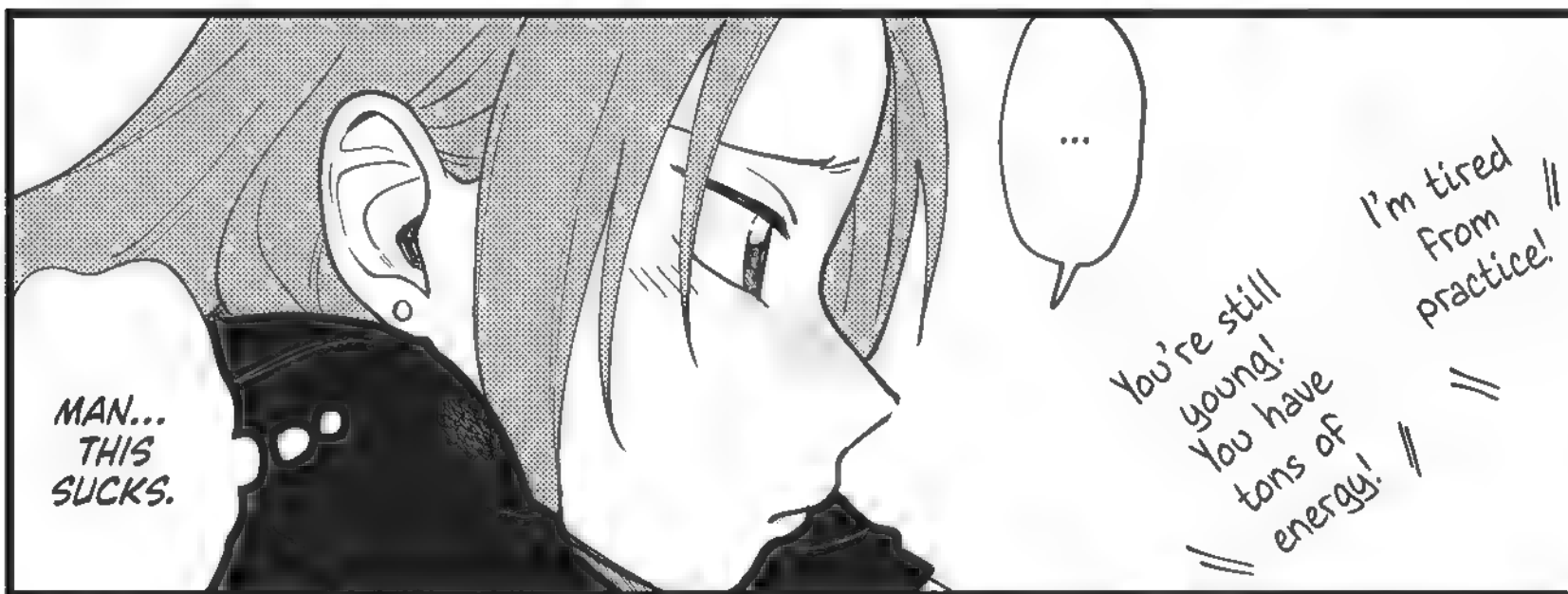
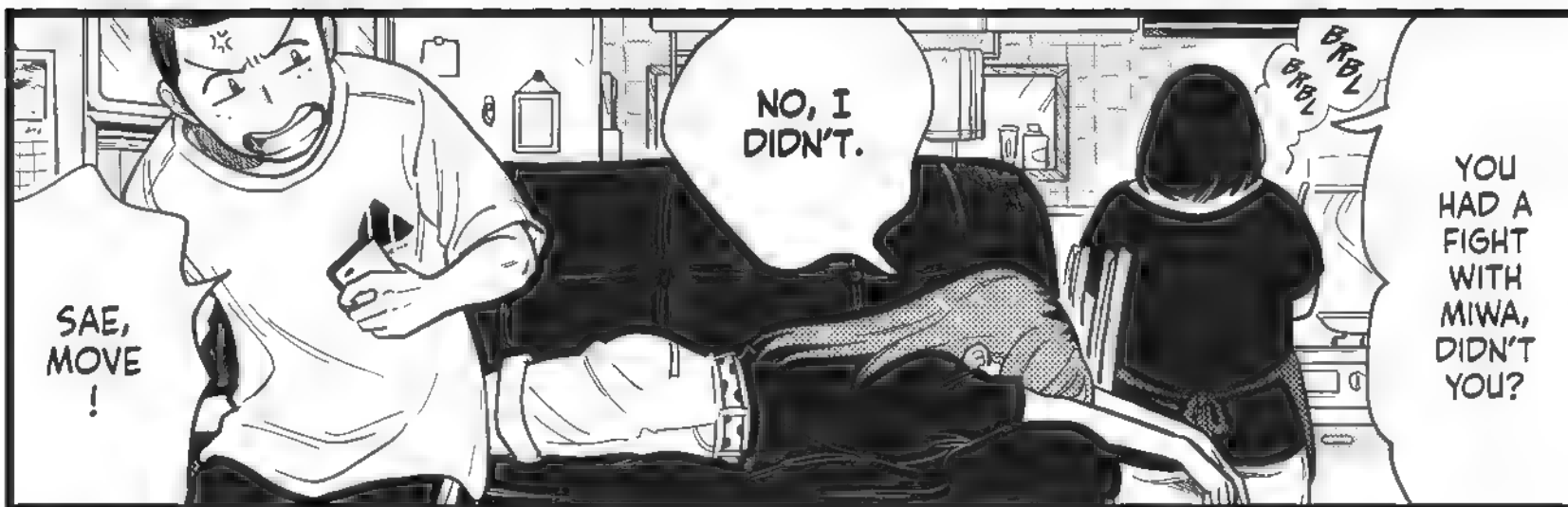
I'LL
STOP.

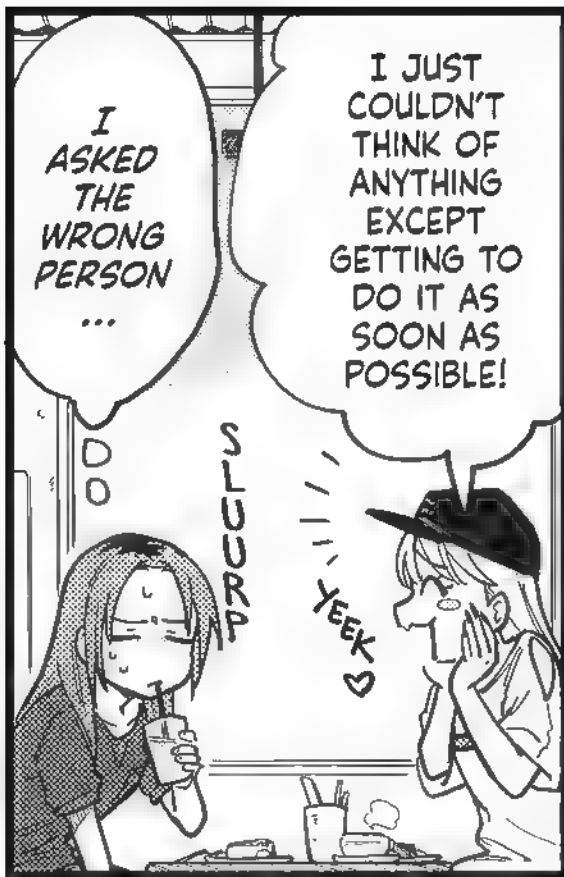
SORRY
...

AH...











SO I MADE SURE TO GO TO A HIGH SCHOOL WHERE NOBODY KNEW ME...



WE WERE IN THE SAME CLUB, WE GOT ALONG AND HE WAS A COOL GUY. A GOOD GUY.

ANYHOW, AT THAT POINT IN MY LIFE, I GUESS I WAS TRYING TO BE "NORMAL."



CUZ IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, PEOPLE WERE ALWAYS TELLING ME I WAS A FREAK.



I THOUGHT
"OH, NOW
I'LL BE
NORMAL..."

AND
BREATHED
A SIGH
OF
RELIEF.



IT'S
NORMAL
FOR
IT TO
HURT, I
GUESS...

...BUT IT
DIDN'T
FEEL
GOOD
AT ALL.

IT
WASN'T
FUN...

IS
THIS
"NORMAL"
?

IT'S
KINDA
...

...POINT-
LESS.





HUHHH
...

THAT'S
WHAT
RELEASED
ALL THOSE
THOUGHTS.

I
WANTED
TO BE
HONEST
WITH MY
DESIRES
!

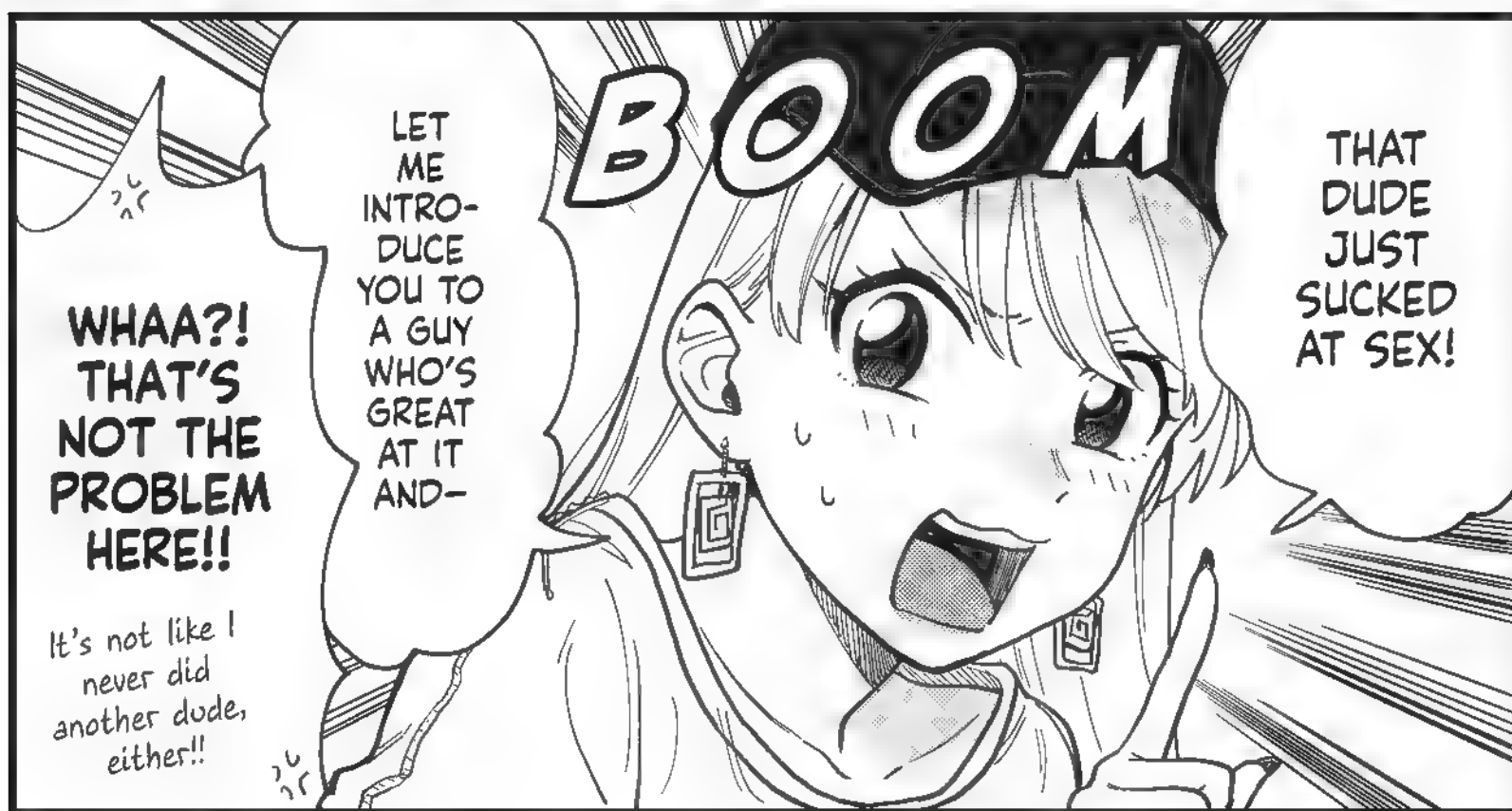
BEING
"NORMAL"
FREAKIN'
SUCKS!

I
REALLY
DID
WANNA
MAKE
OUT WITH
GIRLS!



...SORT OF
BREAKING
ME OUT
OF IT.

BUT, YOU
KNOW, THAT
ONE TASTE
OF "NORMAL,"
ENDED UP
...



WHAA?!
THAT'S
NOT THE
PROBLEM
HERE!!

It's not like I
never did
another dude,
either!!

LET
ME
INTRO-
DUCE
YOU TO
A GUY
WHO'S
GREAT
AT IT
AND-

BOOM

THAT
DUDE
JUST
SUCKED
AT SEX!



AHHH!
THERE
THEY
ARE!

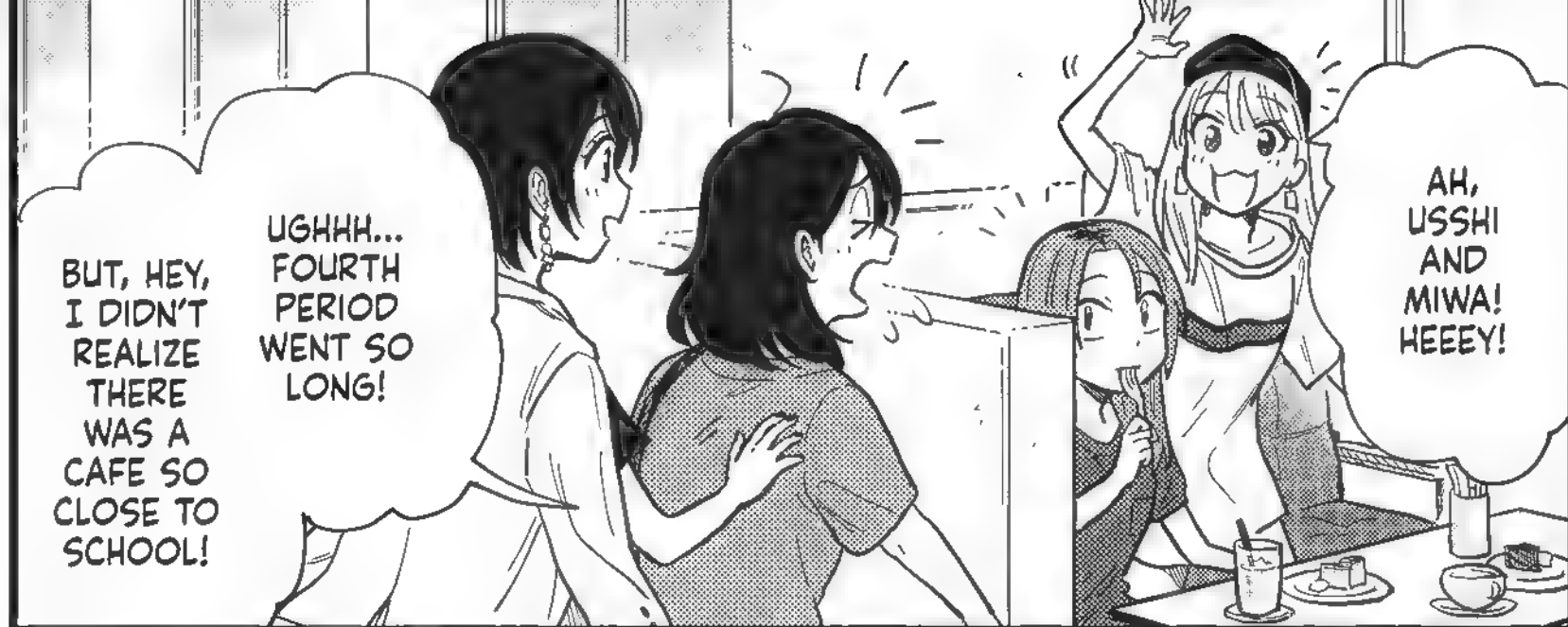
S-I-G-H

...IN A
HURRY, I
GUESS.

SO WHEN
IT CAME
TO SEX,
I WASN'T
ESPECIALLY
AFRAID OR
EXCITED...

...I
WAS
JUST
...

ANYWAY,
THAT'S
KINDA HOW
THINGS
WERE FOR
ME.



BUT, HEY,
I DIDN'T
REALIZE
THERE
WAS A
CAFE SO
CLOSE TO
SCHOOL!

UGHHH...
FOURTH
PERIOD
WENT SO
LONG!

AH,
USSHI
AND
MIWA!
HEEEY!



HEY...

WHAT
WERE
YOU TWO
TALKING
ABOUT?

Why are
you sitting
next to each
other?

IDK,
it just
happened
??

AH,
NOT
MUCH
...

NOTHING
IMPOR-
TANT,
ANYWAY.

Here's the
menu!

"LET'S JUST GET
THIS OVER WITH,"
AND "I CAN'T JUST
LEAVE MY PARTNER
HANGING..."

SHE WAS
RUSHING SO
HARD...

...SHE WAS
LEAVING
HER OWN
FEELINGS
BEHIND.

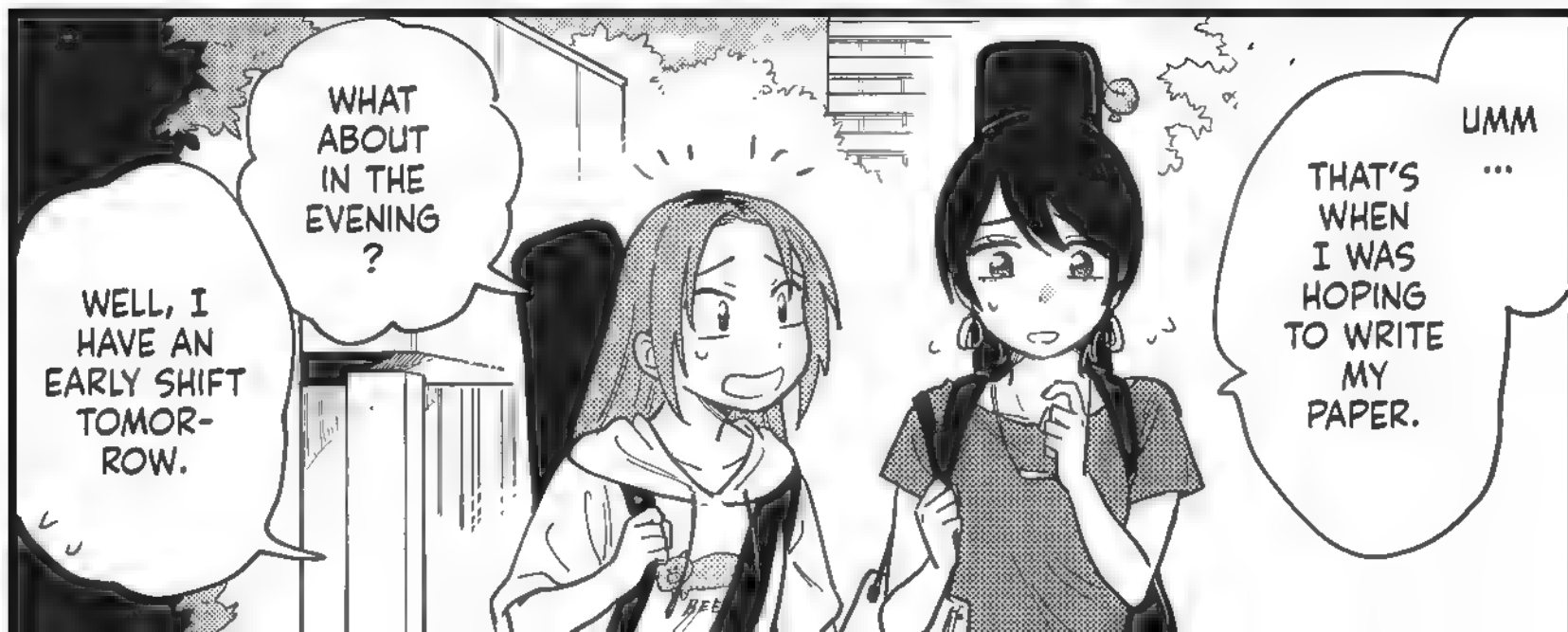
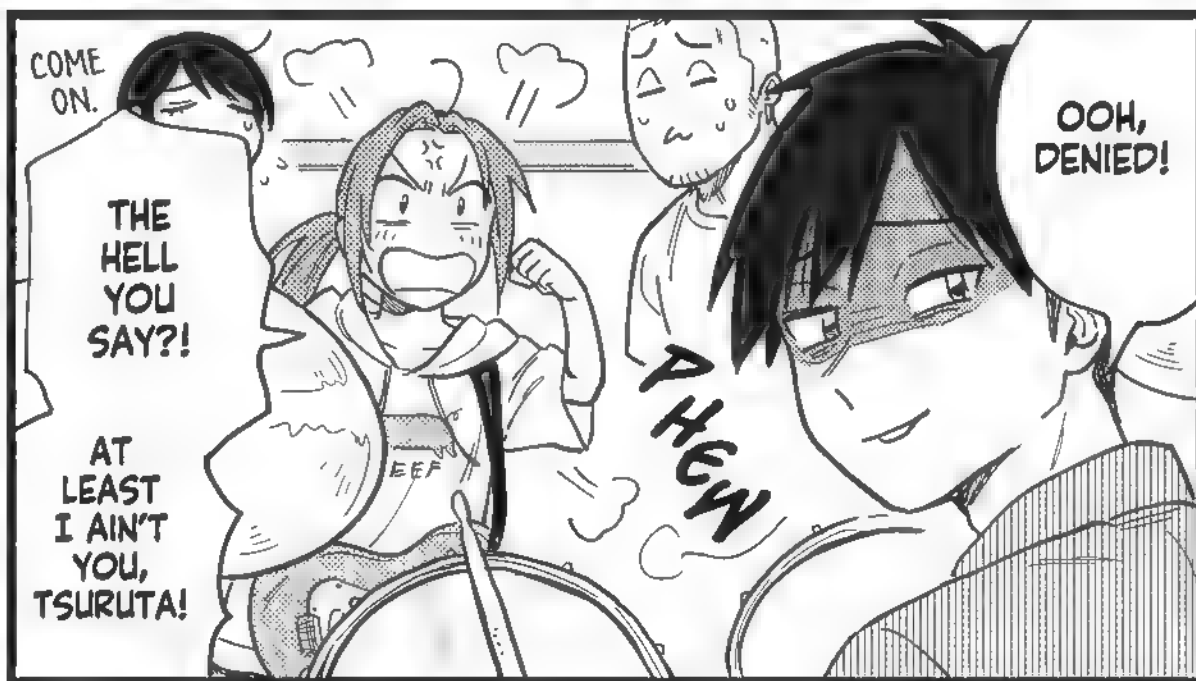
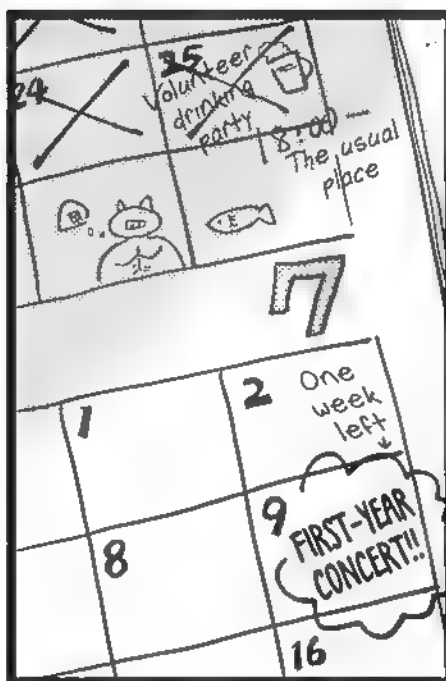
...IS
FEELING
JUST
LIKE
I WAS
BACK
THEN.

I'M
SURE
MIWA
...

AH, THAT'S
RIGHT... I
WAS IN A
RUSH BACK
THEN.

I
WANTED
TO GROW
UP RIGHT
AWAY.







WELL, I'M
WORKING
FOR YOU.
LET'S JUST
SAY THAT.

SUR...

THIS
JOB IS
FOR
YOUR
BIR-



WHAA
?

I AM
NOT!

YOU
KNOW,
LATELY
I'VE BEEN
FEELING
LIKE YOU'RE
AVOIDING
ME!



It's
shocking!!

MIWA,
YOU
ARE THE
WORST
AT
SURPRISES
!!

OH
MY GOD,
YOU'RE
KIDDING
ME. YOU'RE
THAT BAD
AT LYING
?!

...



HA
HA
HA

MAN, WE
JUST CAN'T
SYNC UP,
CAN WE?

UM
...



HEY, WHAT
ABOUT
EVENING ON
THIS DAY,
SAEKO?

UHH
...

I
GOTTA
WORK
THAT DAY.

July



LOOKS
LIKE
I WAS
RIGHT.

LOOK,
YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
WORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

I'LL
WAIT
FOR
YOU.



BUT...



GULP



I'M
SORRY!

...I JUST
WANTED TO
RECIPROCATE
YOUR
FEELINGS,
THAT'S ALL.

I'LL
GO TO
YOUR PLACE
AGAIN, I
PROMISE

...

...AND
THIS TIME,
I WON'T
ACT LIKE
I'M
AFRAID.

DON'T GIVE
ME THAT
DEPRESSED
LOOK...

IT'S
REALLY
GONNA
BRING ME
DOWN.

YOU GUYS BEEN GETTIN' CLOSE LATELY?



HOW'S IT GOING, PRO SAEKO?



...WE'RE GETTIN' ALONG? NORMALLY ...

I GUESS ...



SHE'S ACTUALLY A LEGENDARY PRO GUITARIST, YOU KNOW!

HUHH? SAEKO'S A PRO? WHAT'S SHE A PRO AT?

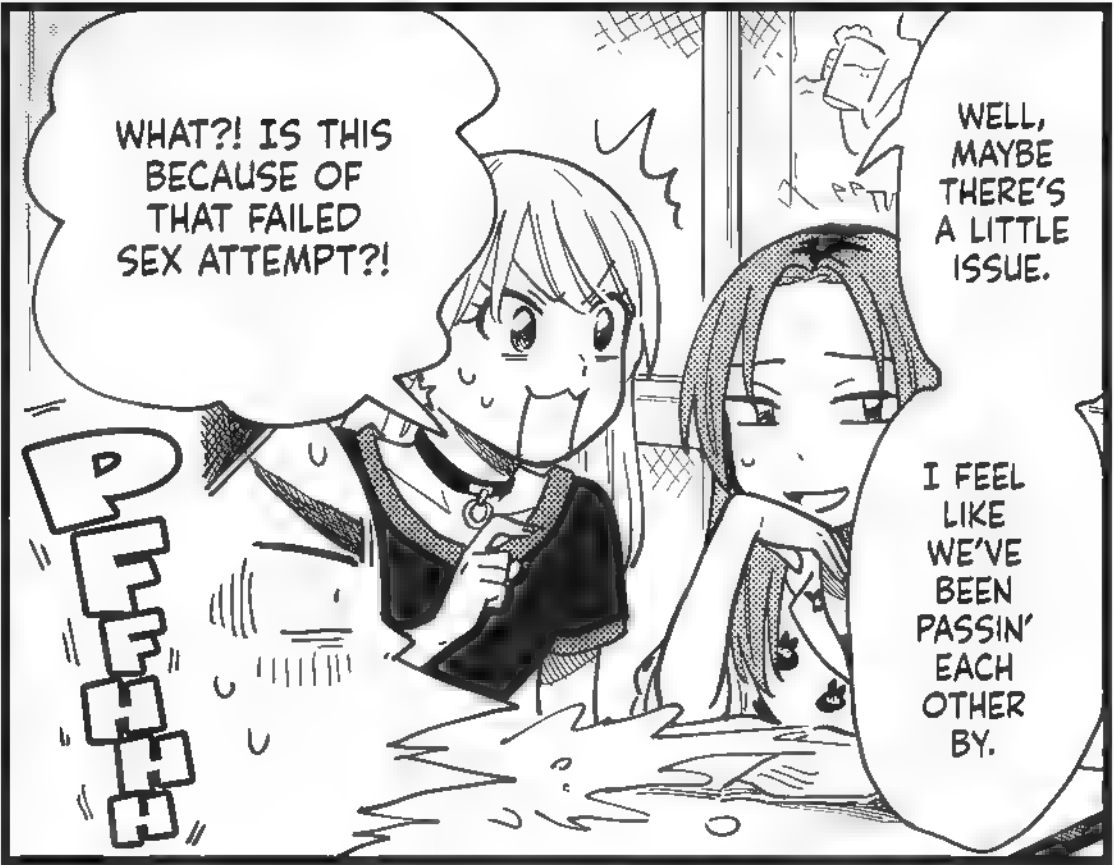
HEY! DON'T MAKE STUFF UP LIKE THAT!



...THAT WAS PROBABLY THE ORIGIN, I GUESS.

HMM, YEAH ...

Geez, could you be a little more restrained?! Like, have some decency!



WHAT?! IS THIS BECAUSE OF THAT FAILED SEX ATTEMPT?!

WELL, MAYBE THERE'S A LITTLE ISSUE.

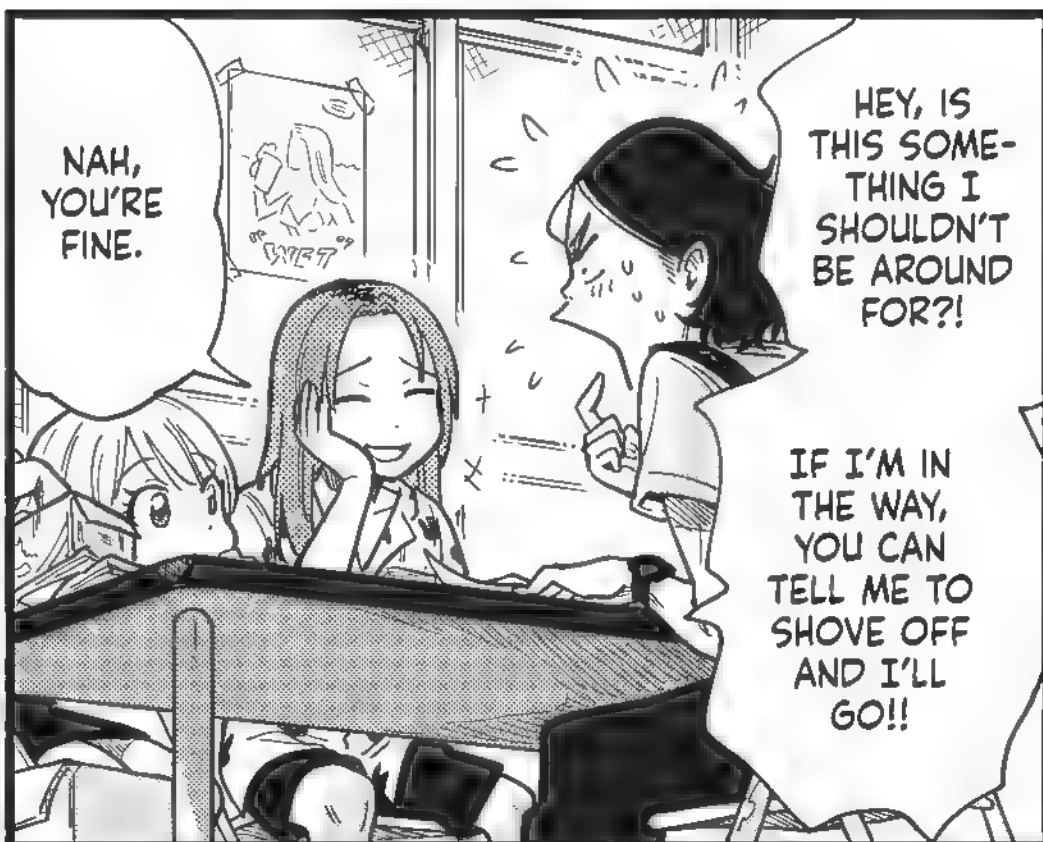
I FEEL LIKE WE'VE BEEN PASSIN' EACH OTHER BY.



...SOME-
TIMES I'M
HESITATING
AND I JUST
CAN'T GET
THINGS
RIGHT.

IT'S
LIKE
...

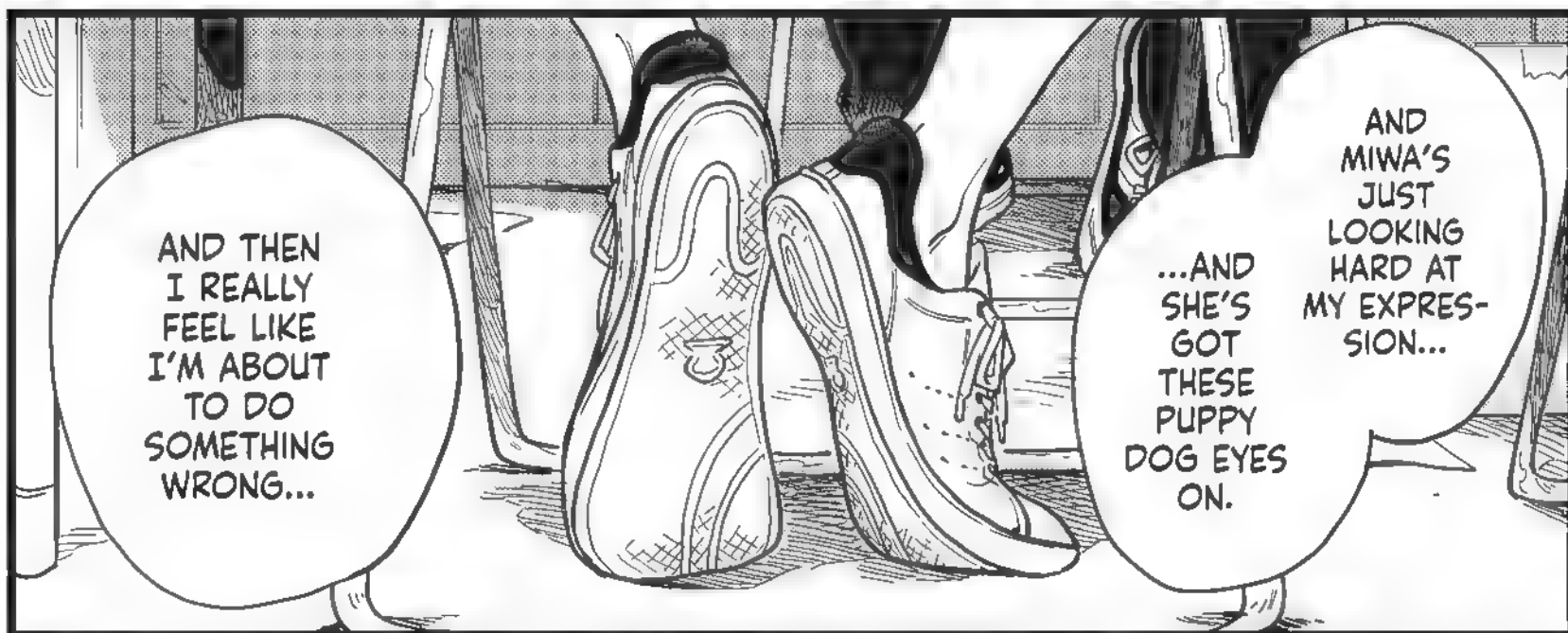
HOW
DO I
PUT
THIS
?



NAH,
YOU'RE
FINE.

HEY, IS
THIS SOME-
THING I
SHOULDN'T
BE AROUND
FOR?!

IF I'M IN
THE WAY,
YOU CAN
TELL ME TO
SHOVE OFF
AND I'LL
GO!!



AND THEN
I REALLY
FEEL LIKE
I'M ABOUT
TO DO
SOMETHING
WRONG...

...AND
SHE'S
GOT
THESE
PUPPY
DOG EYES
ON.

AND
MIWA'S
JUST
LOOKING
HARD AT
MY EXPRES-
SION...



I BET YOU
THINK THAT
SHE CAN BE
KIND OF A PAIN
IN THE ASS.

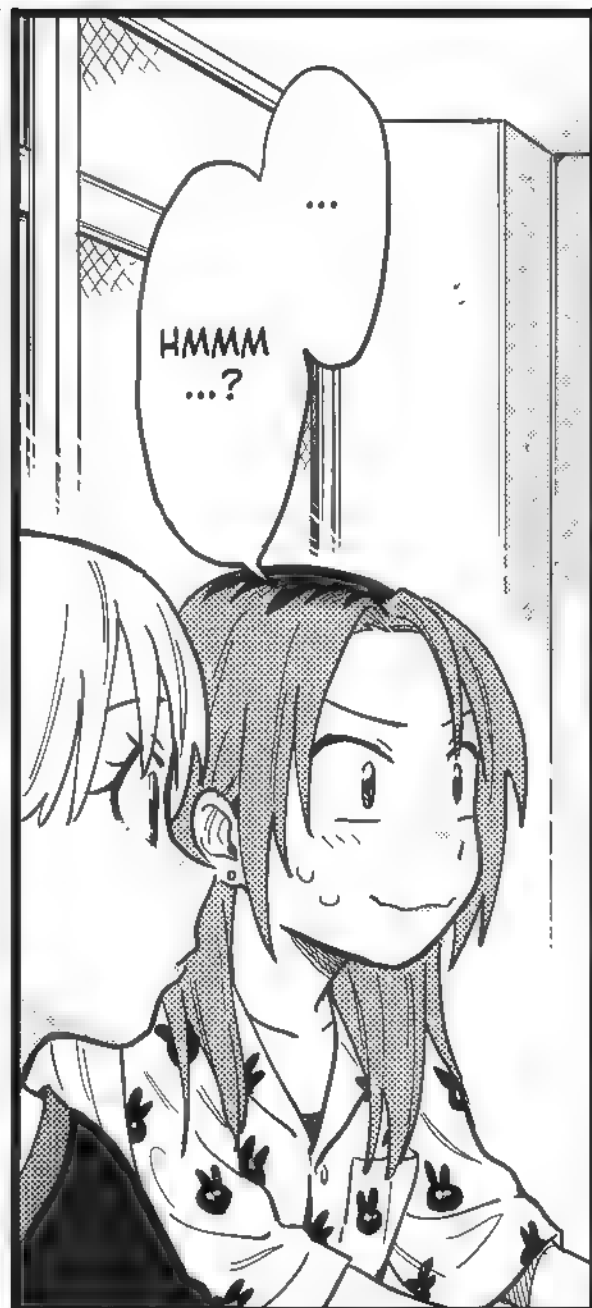
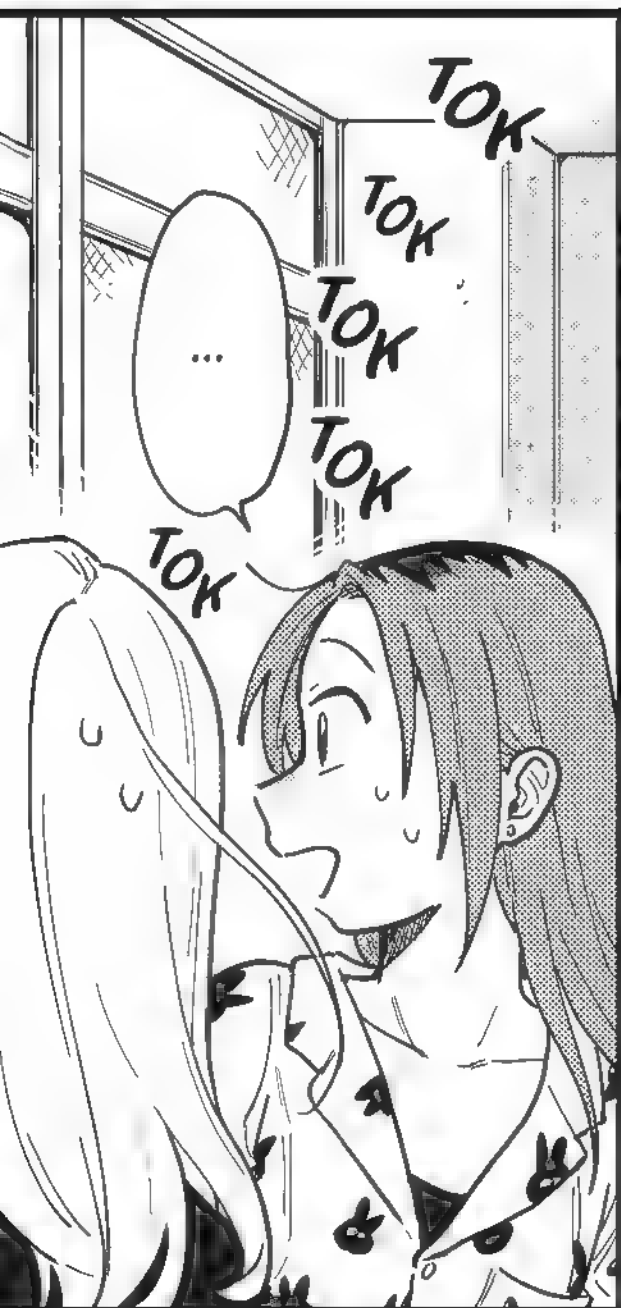


MIWA'S,
LIKE,
WEIRDLY
PESSIMIS-
TIC SOME-
TIMES?

OH, I
THINK I
GET THAT
FEELING.



I FEEL
LIKE SHE'S
GOING
AFTER ME
INSTEAD
OF THE
OTHER WAY
ROUND?



Gaah! I'm so sorry
Miwa, you've got it
all wrong! It wasn't
in a bad way, I
swear! It was
just one of
those things
you two
have gotta
overcome....!

I
MEAN
...

NO...

TELL HER!
C'MON,
SAY IT!

TELL
HER
SHE'S
NOT
!!

...IN
THE
ASS.

YOU
CALLED
ME A
PAIN...

I
HEARD.

PLIP

How Do We
RELATIONSHIP?

How Do We
RELATIONSHIP?

I
REALLY DID
IT THIS
TIME!!

UGHH...
WHAT A
FREAKIN'
MESS.

Chapter 8: A Pain in the Ass





OTHER-
WISE,
EVERY-
THING
WOULD
STILL BE
OKAY.

IT WAS
MY BIG
MOUTH
THAT DID
IT.

HA
HA
HA

GULP



...SO DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
CALLING ME
A PAIN OR
ANYTHING.

BUT I
GUESS
IT'S NOT
THAT
EASY.

IT WAS MY
FAULT, TOO,
FOR EAVES-
DROPPING
...

IT REALLY
SEEMED
LIKE IT
WAS STILL
BOTHER-
ING HER.



PAYING CLOSE
ATTENTION TO
EACH OTHER...
BEING ABLE TO
PICK UP ON
THINGS...
TRYING TO
ONE-UP EACH
OTHER...

IT'S, LIKE,
ACTUALLY
REALLY
HARD?



OR SO I
THOUGHT
...

HEY,
YOU!

CHATTER
CHATTER



...I WAS
ALL, NAH,
I DON'T
NEED
GIRL-
FRIENDS.

THAT'S
WHY
WHEN I
GOT TO
COLLEGE
...



IT'S A
HUNDRED
TIMES
EASIER
TO HANG
OUT WITH
GUYS.

SO, HEY,
WANNA BE
IN A BAND
WITH ME?!

IT
REALLY
SUITS THE
GROUP
I WANNA
FORM.

YOU'VE
GOT A
GREAT
SINGING
VOICE!!

AND YOU'VE
ALSO GOT
THIS GREAT
MIX OF
CUTENESS
AND
MATURITY...



I THOUGHT
THEY NEVER
WHINED OR
SAID WHAT
THEY REALLY
FELT, CUZ
THAT MEANT
LOSING.

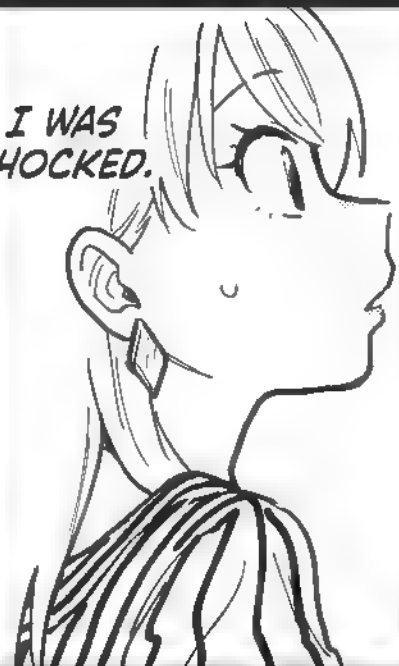
...AND
IF THEY
WEREN'T
THE
PRINCESS,
THEY
COULDN'T
DEAL.

...WERE
ALWAYS
JUDGING
THEMSELVES
AGAINST
OTHER
PEOPLE...

I
THOUGHT
WOMEN...

I THOUGHT WOMEN
WERE ALL PRIDE
AND LIES, LIKE THEY
COULDN'T HELP IT.

I WAS
SHOCKED.



JUST
HANGING
OUT AND
ADMIRING
'EM MAKES
ME HAPPY,
Y'KNOW?

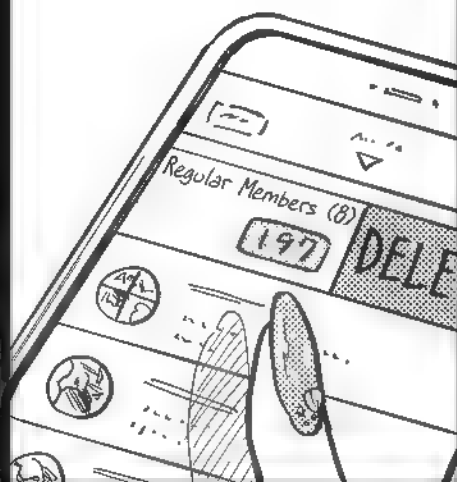
...BUT I
REALLY
LOOK UP
TO GIRLS
LIKE YOU,
ALL CUTE
AND FUN...

SO, I'M
KINDA
PLAIN,
YOU
KNOW
...



IT'S LIKE...
WHAT WAS I
DOING WITH
MY LIFE UP
TILL NOW?

IT'S
FREAKING
HILARIOUS.



AND THEN I
ADDED MORE,
ONE BY ONE.
SAEKO AND
MIWA...

THEY'RE
SO NICE.

IT'S
COM-
FORTABLE
BEING
WITH
THEM.

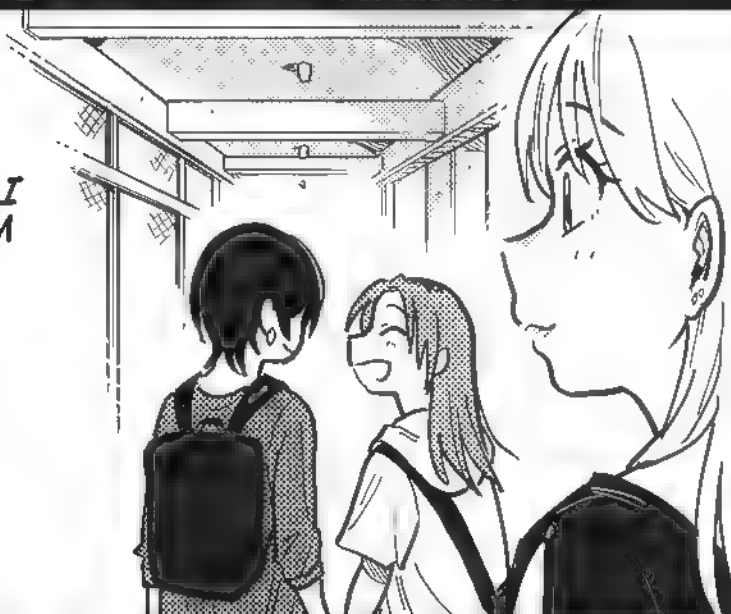


SO THEN WE
WENT AND
FORMED
A BAND
TOGETHER.



BUT NOW I
LIKE THEM
BOTH...

...SO I WANT
THEM TO BE
HAPPY
TOGETHER.



WHEN I
HEARD THE
TWO OF
THEM WERE
DATING...

...I WAS, LIKE,
"EW, WHAT'S
SO GREAT
ABOUT GIRLS,"
AND ALL.

...CAN YOU
NOT MAKE
WEIRD
SPEECHES
WHILE WE'RE
DOING
IT...?

AND THAT'S
WHY I AM
GONNA TAKE
RESPONSIBIL-
ITY AND GET
THEM TO
MAKE UP!!

FOR THEIR
LOVE! AND
FOR ME
AND USSHI'S
FRIENDSHIP
WITH
THEM!





OH,
THANKS!

IT'S
NOT
GREAT
TEA,
THOUGH
...

HERE
YOU
GO!



SURE,
BUT I
WANT
YOU TO
HANG
OUT A
LITTLE!

I
JUST
CAME
OVER TO
BORROW
A DVD.

YOU
DIDN'T
HAVE
TO GO
THAT
FAR!



Your
room's
cute,
too
...

MY
FAMILY'S
HOUSE
IS FAR
AWAY,
SO I'D
LIKE
TO...

IT
SEEMS
NICE TO
LIVE ON
YOUR
OWN.



W-
WHAT?
WHY?!

WELL, IT'S
NOT LIKE
YOU'RE
HIDING IT!

YOU
GUYS ARE
WAY TOO
AWKWARD!!



B
A
D
U
M

HAVE
THINGS
BEEN
GOING
OKAY WITH
SAEKO
LATELY?

HEY,
MIWA...
I'M
GONNA GET
STRAIGHT
TO THE
POINT AND
ASK...

THAT WAS
REALLY
MORE
OF AN
ACCIDENT.

...AND
IT'S
JUST
BECOMING
PRETTY
OBVIOUS...

BUT OUR
SCHEDULES
HAVEN'T
BEEN
MATCHING
UP...

...THAT
EVERYONE'S
STARTING TO
THINK OF ME
AS A PAIN.

...DENIED
IT, YOU
KNOW?

...HEARD
ABOUT
WHAT
HAPPENED
IN HER
ROOM,
THEN?

YOU
MUST
HAVE
...

BADM

UH,
WELL,
YEAH...

YEAH
...

PU-UG

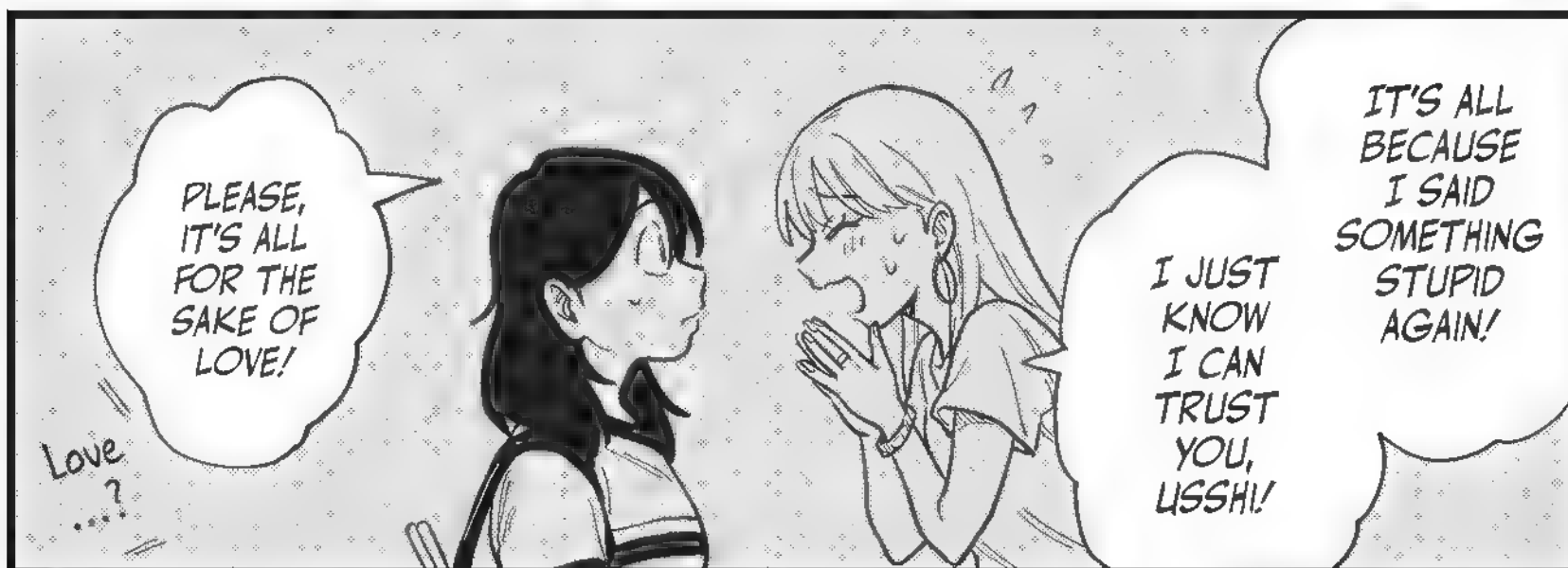


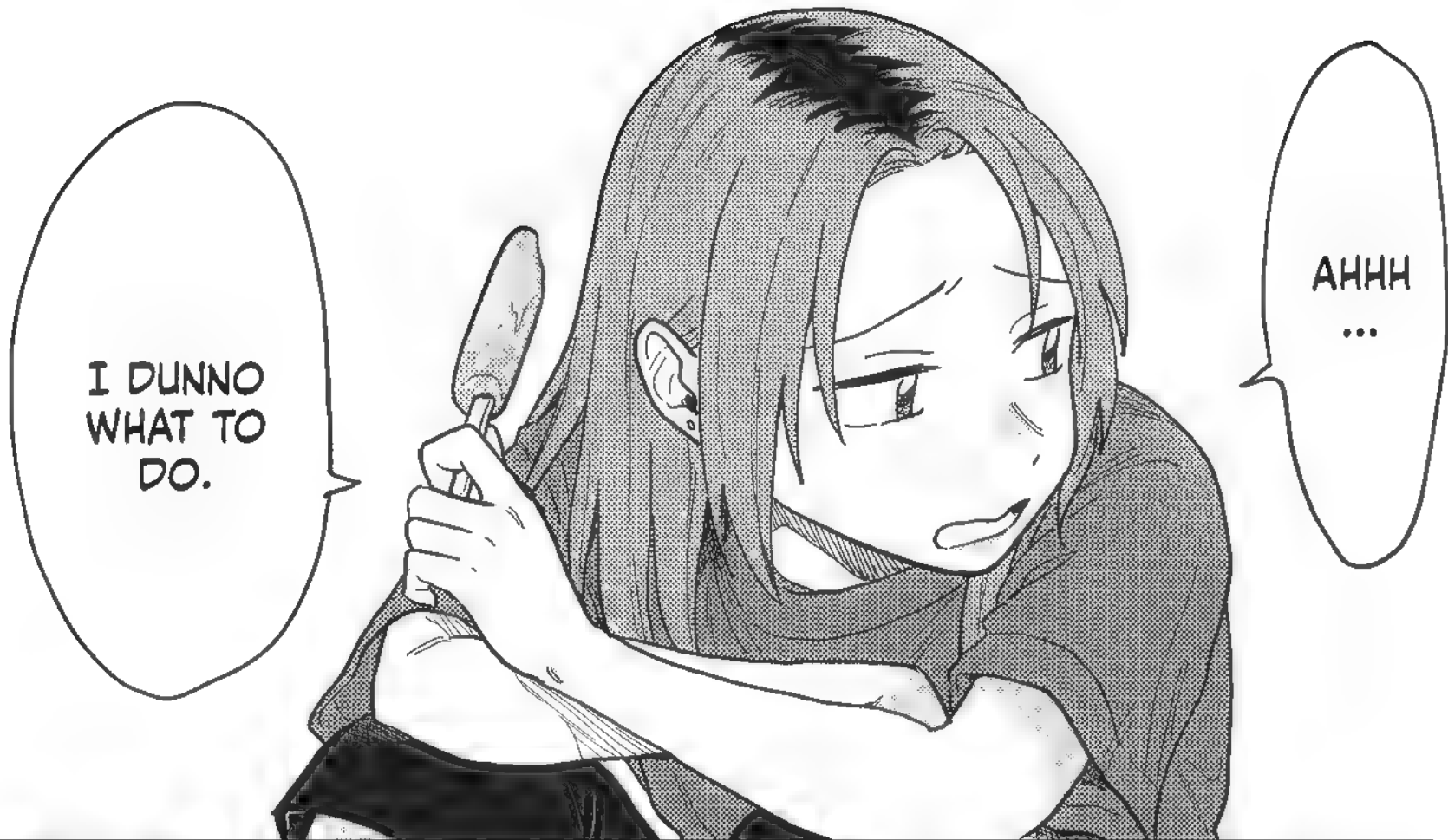
I
CAN DEAL
WITH IT
IF THAT'S
WHAT RIKA
THINKS,
BUT
SAEKO
...

I
JUST
WISH
SAEKO
HAD...



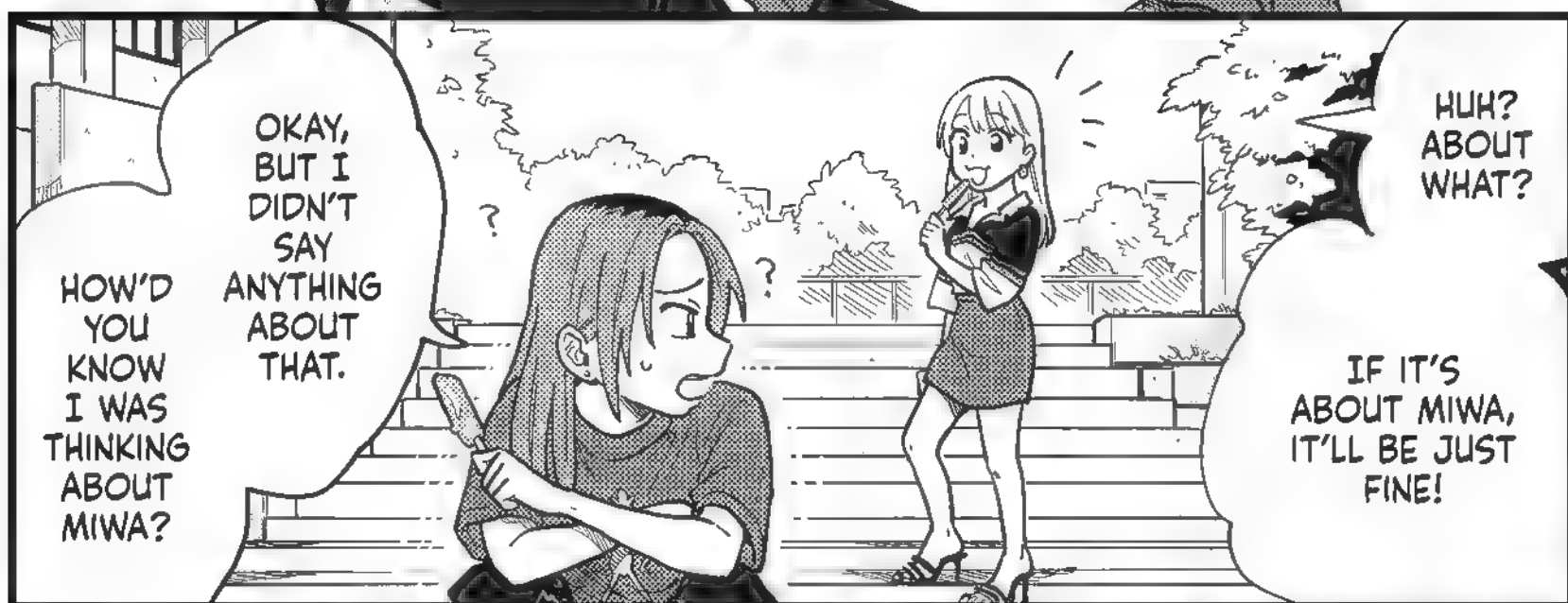






I DUNNO
WHAT TO
DO.

AHHH
...

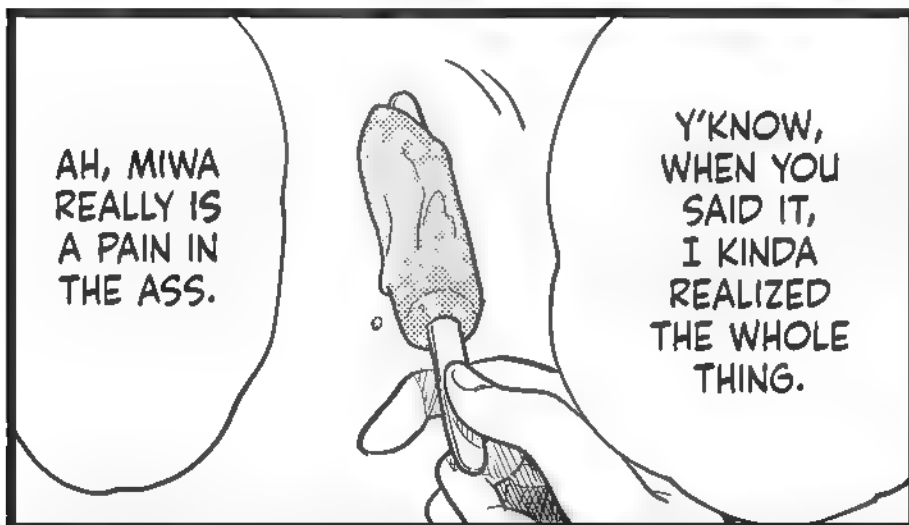


HOW'D
YOU
KNOW
I WAS
THINKING
ABOUT
MIWA?

OKAY,
BUT I
DIDN'T
SAY
ANYTHING
ABOUT
THAT.

HUH?
ABOUT
WHAT?

IF IT'S
ABOUT MIWA,
IT'LL BE JUST
FINE!



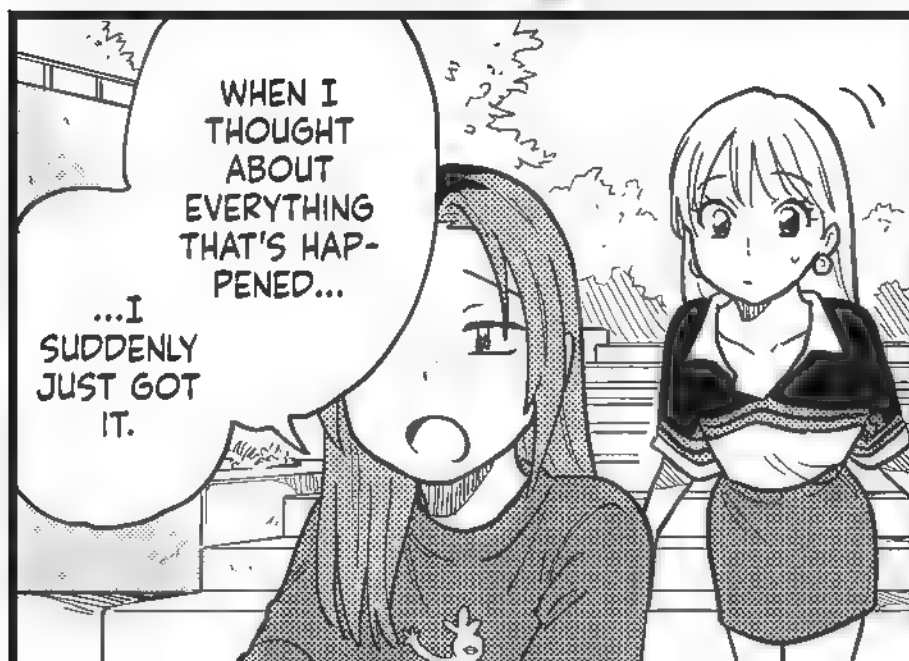
AH, MIWA
REALLY IS
A PAIN IN
THE ASS.

Y'KNOW,
WHEN YOU
SAID IT,
I KINDA
REALIZED
THE WHOLE
THING.



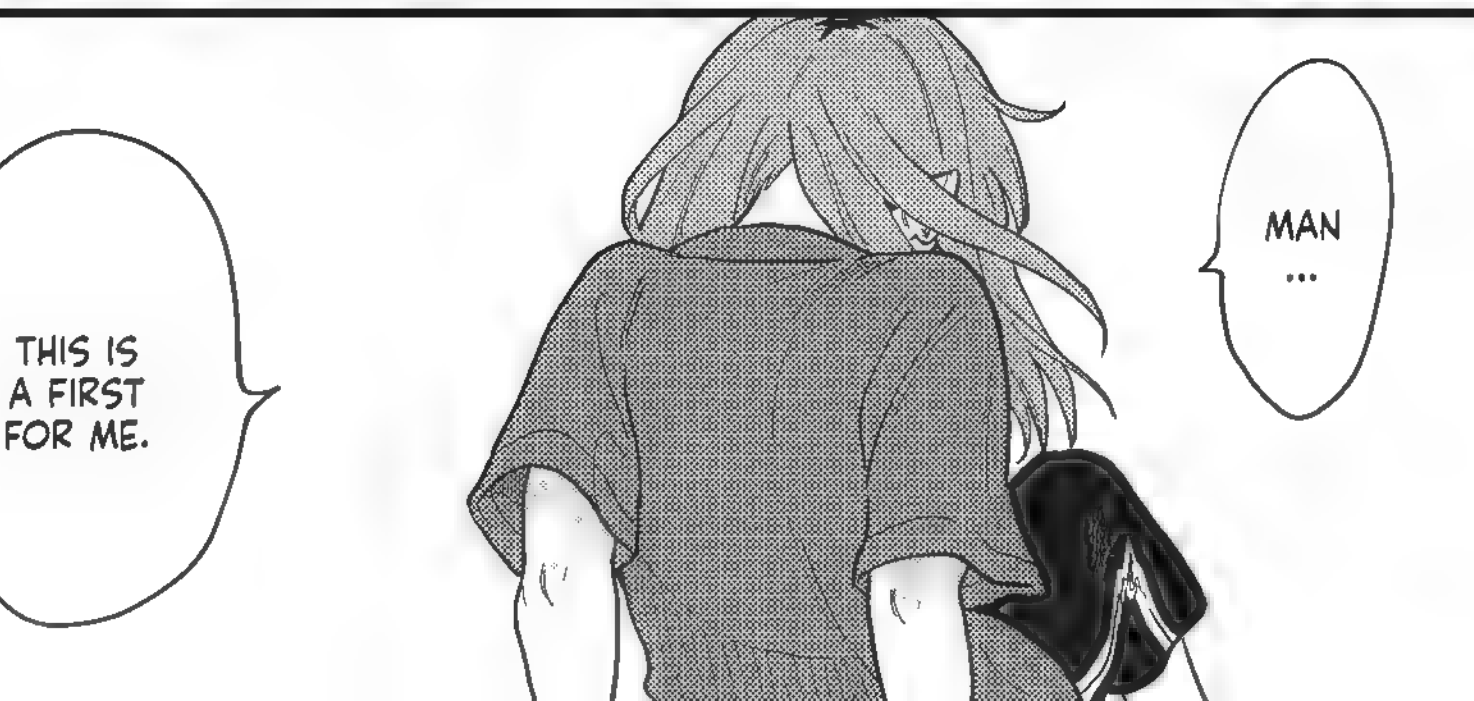
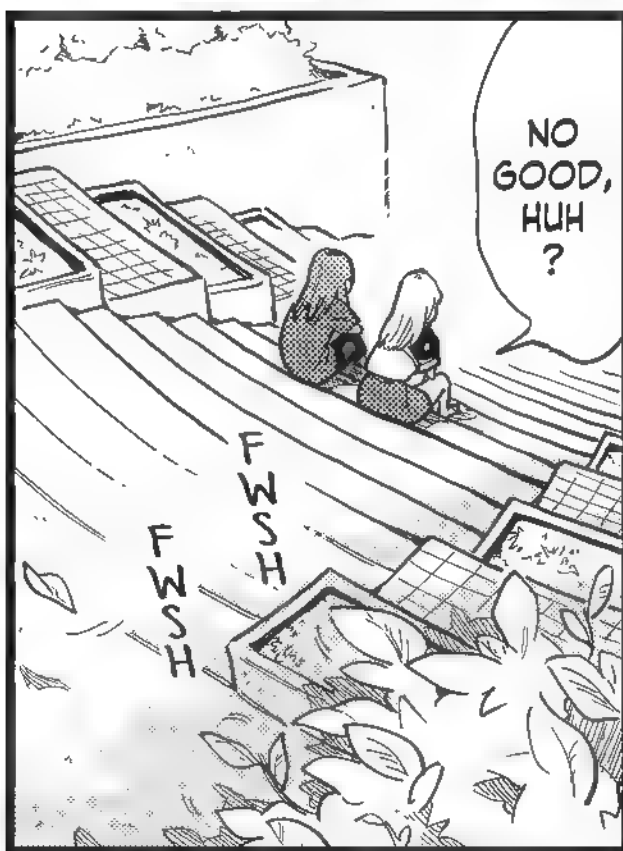
AND WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN,
IT'LL BE
FINE?

UMMM, I
DUNNO.
NOTHING
REALLY.



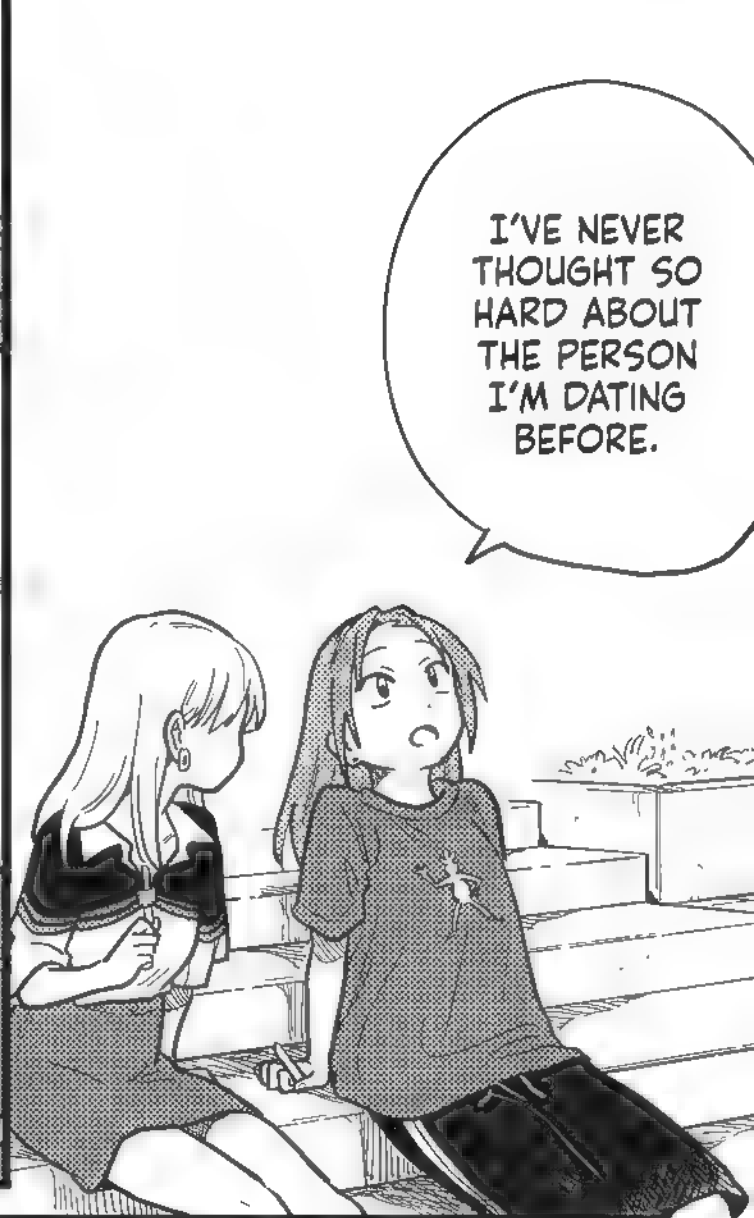
WHEN I
THOUGHT
ABOUT
EVERYTHING
THAT'S HAP-
PENED...

...I
SUDDENLY
JUST GOT
IT.





HMM
...



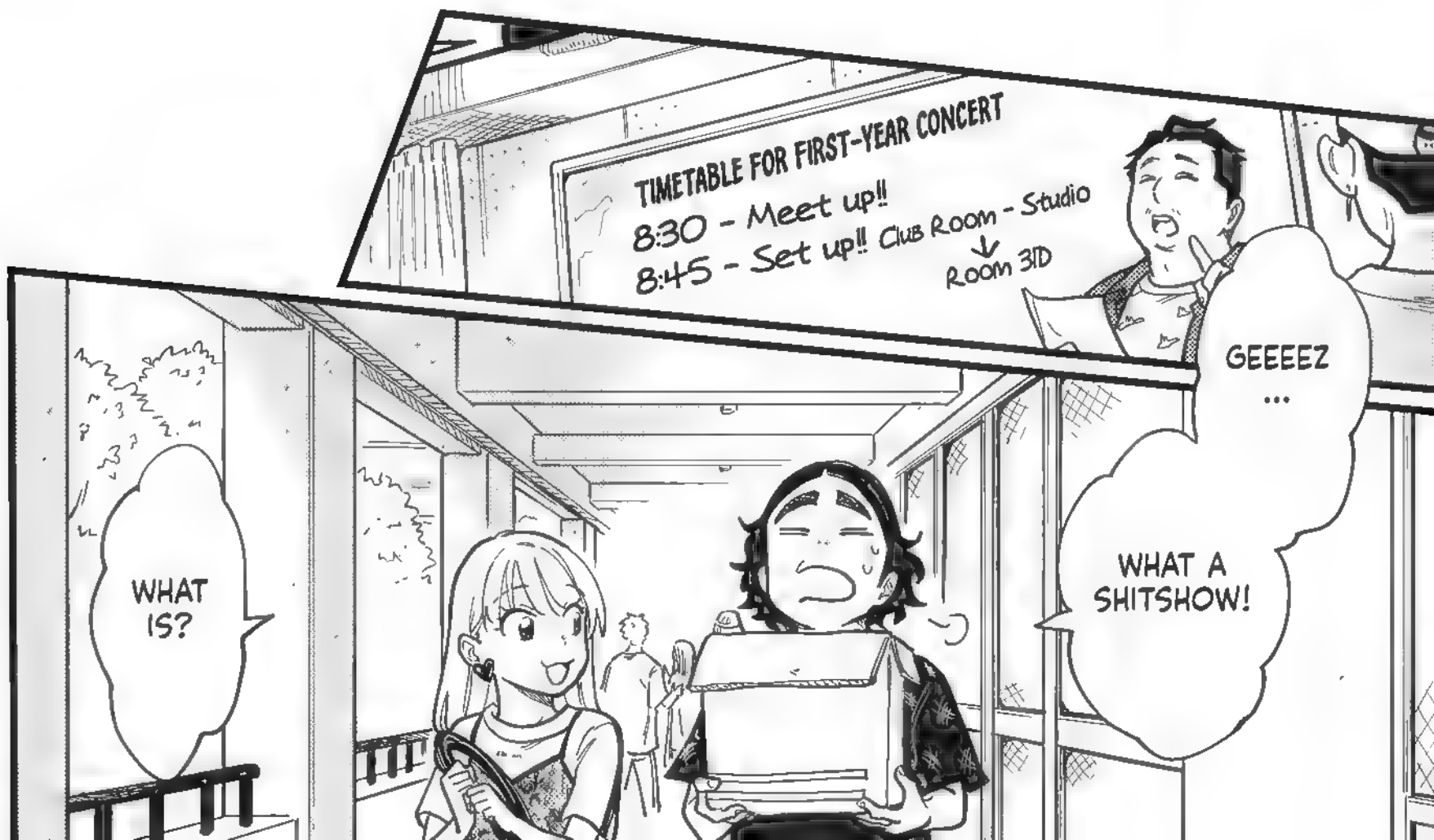
I'VE NEVER
THOUGHT SO
HARD ABOUT
THE PERSON
I'M DATING
BEFORE.



...LIKE
THAT?

...BEEN
IN LOVE
WITH
SOME-
ONE...

HAVE I
EVER...



TIMETABLE FOR FIRST-YEAR CONCERT

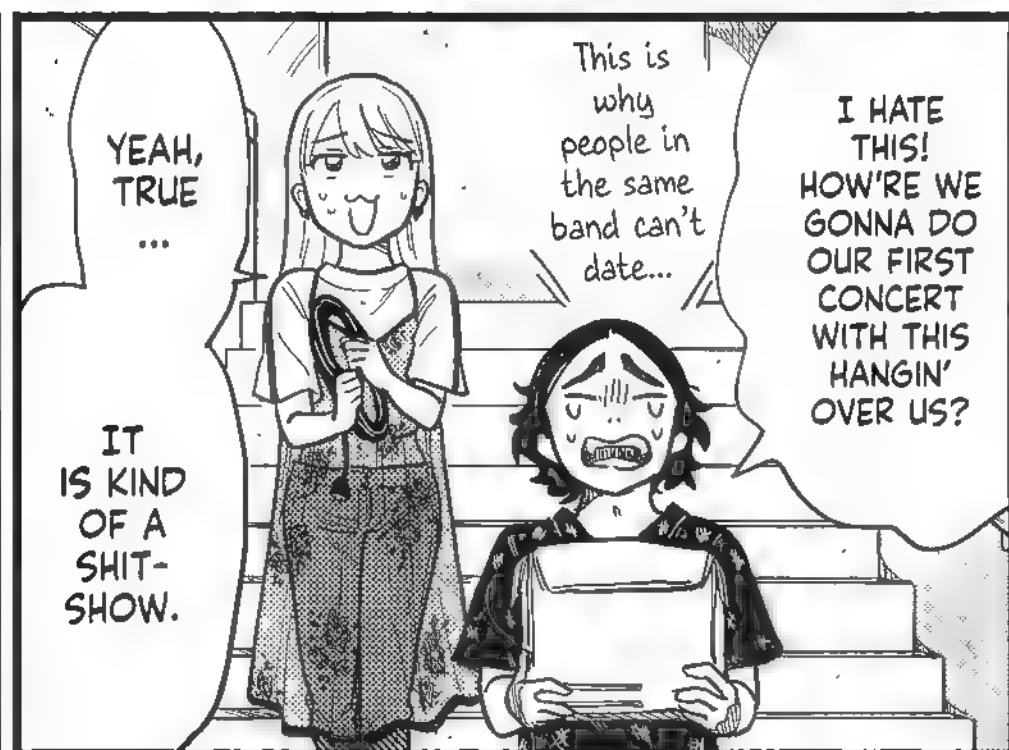
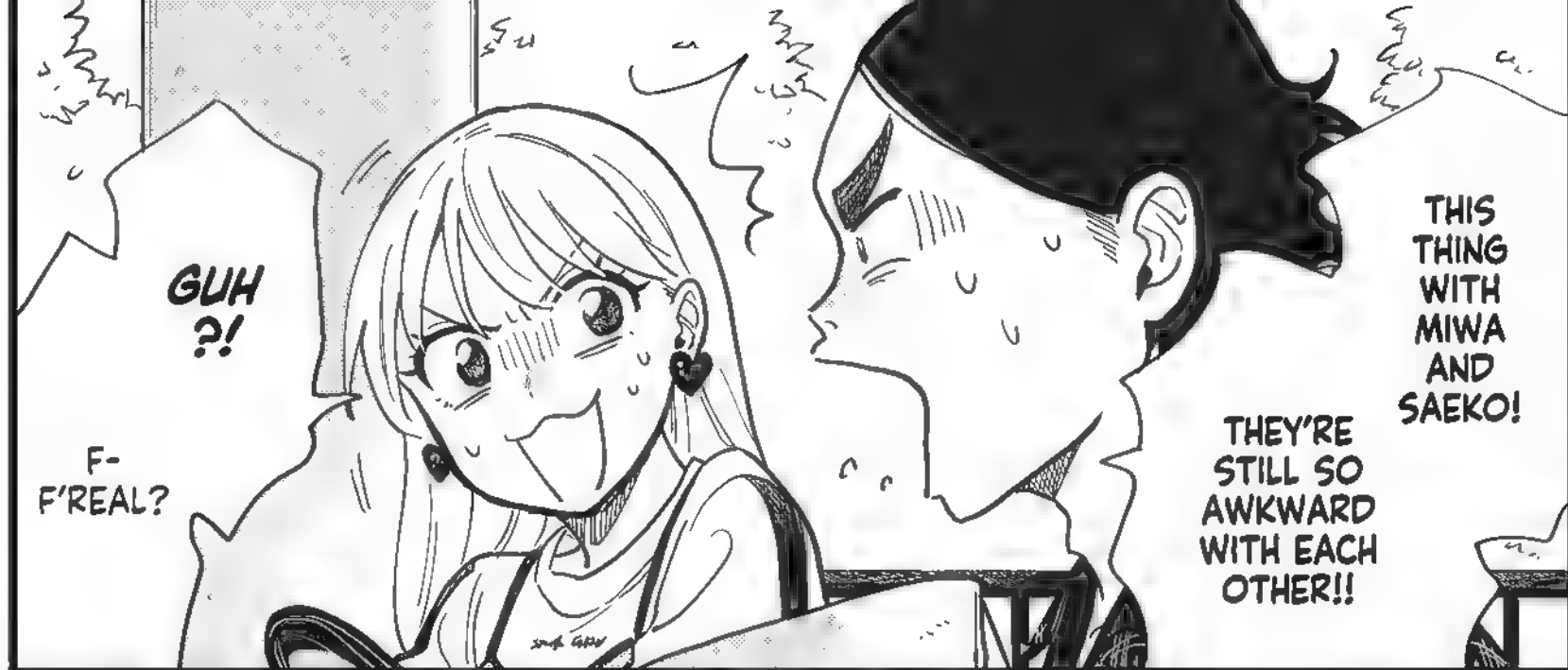
8:30 - Meet up!!

8:45 - Set up!! Club Room - Studio
↓
ROOM 31D

GEEEEZ
...

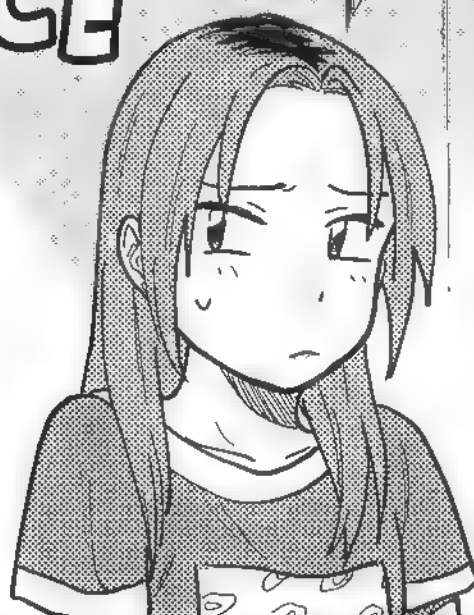
WHAT A
SHITSHOW!

WHAT
IS?





SILENCE



I PROM-ISE, I'M NOT MAD!

NO, I'M SERIOUS.

YOU KIDDING ?! BUT-



I'M NOT MAD.

NOT REALLY.



ARE YOU STILL MAD AT ME?

UM, MIWA ...

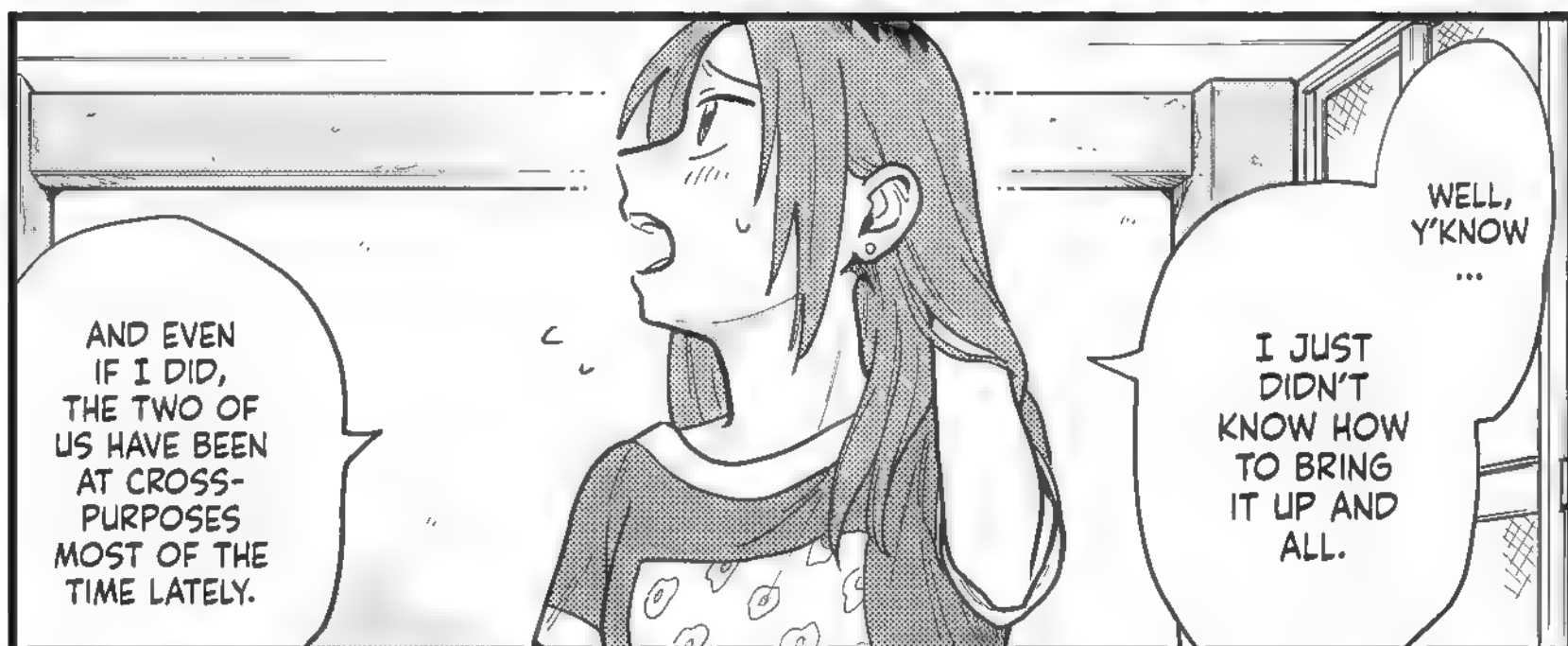


I MEAN, I GUESS EVERYONE'S GOT A FEW THINGS THEY DON'T LIKE ABOUT THEIR PARTNER.

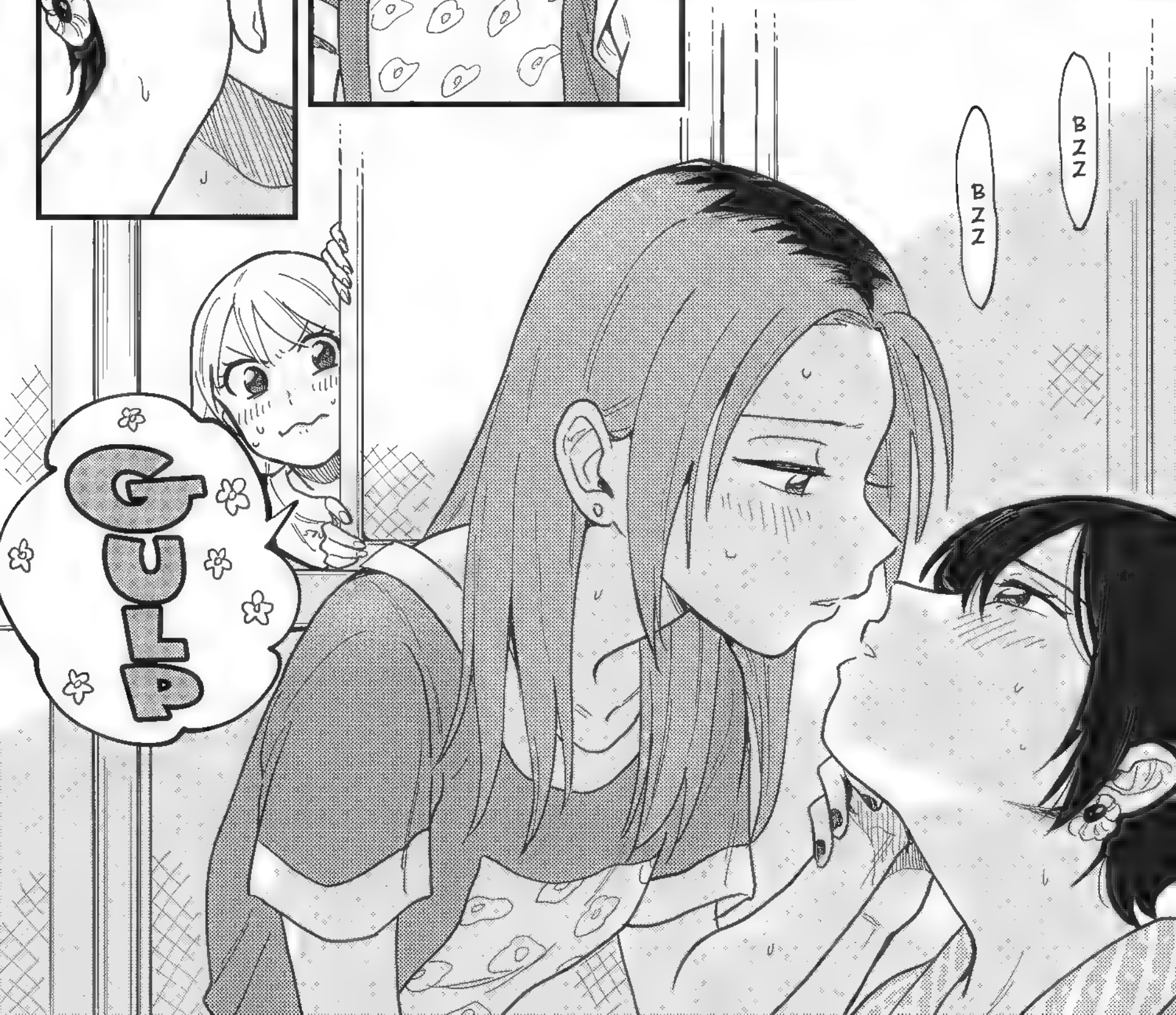
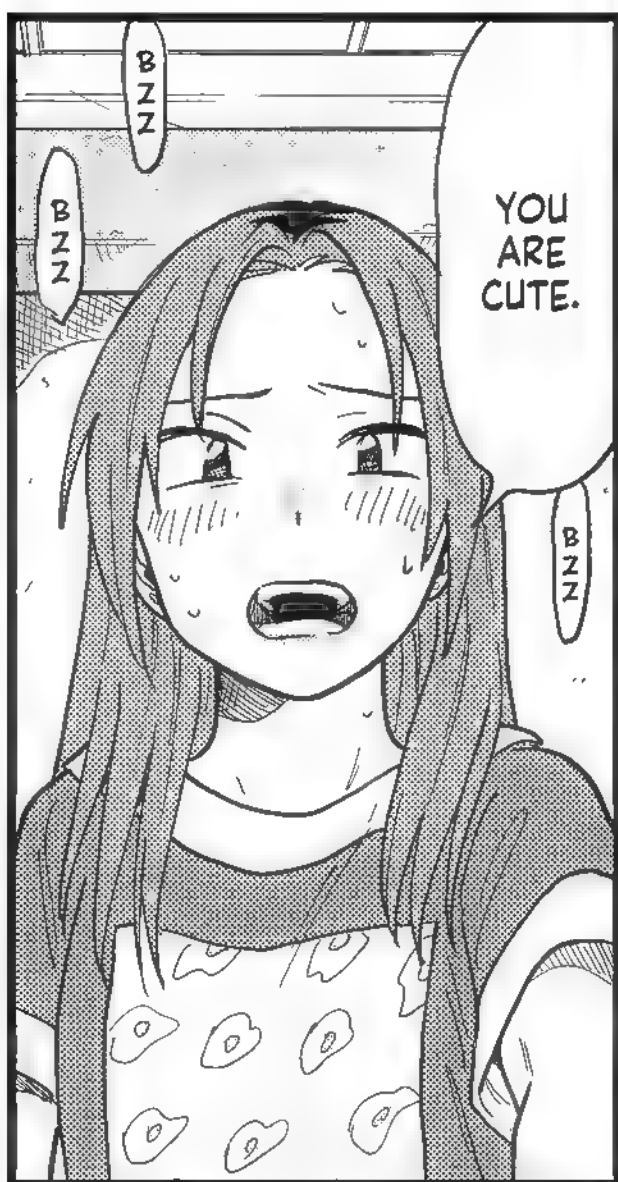


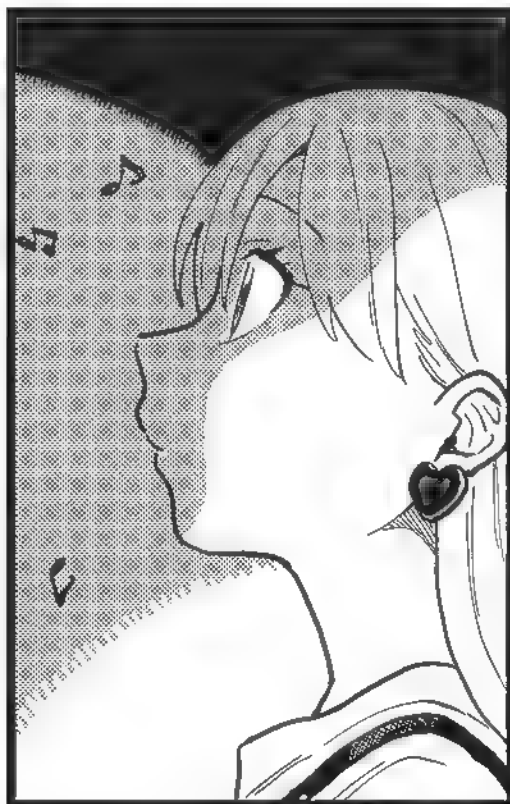
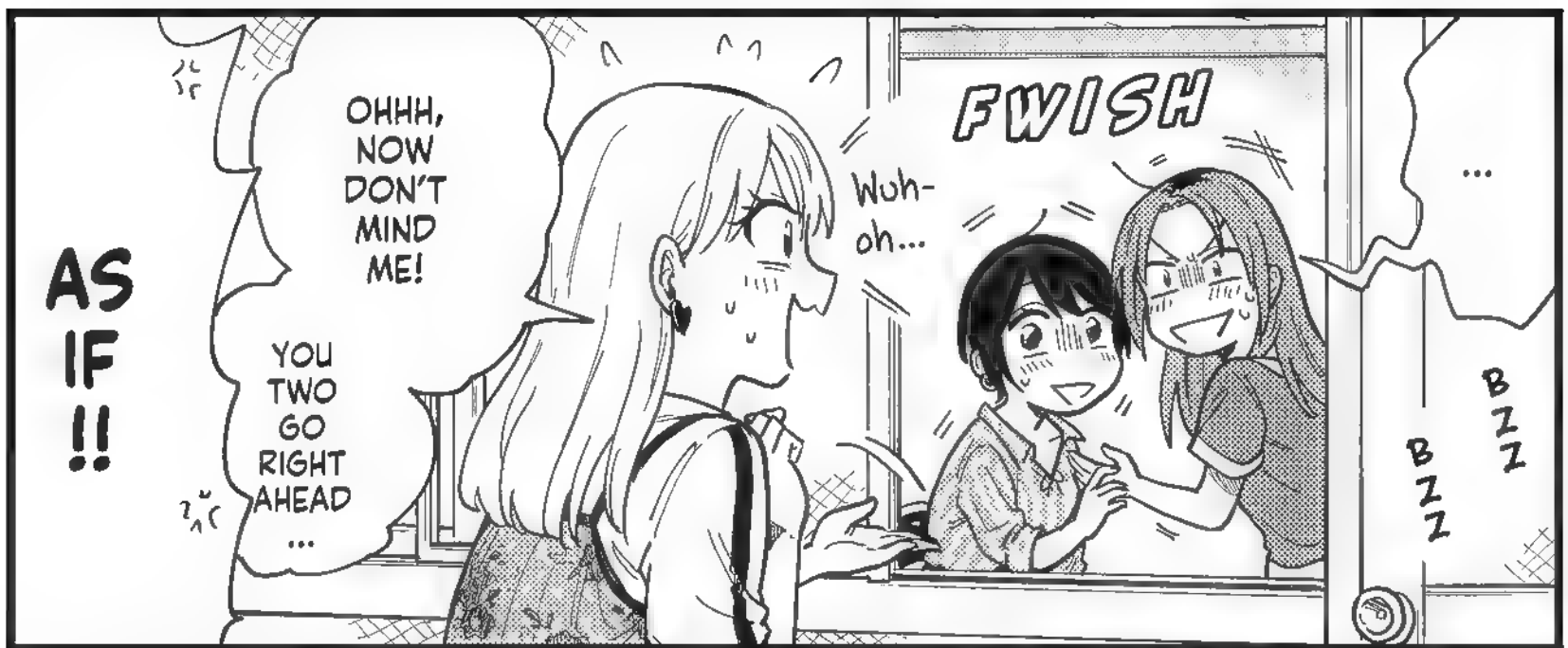
I GUESS IT'S...

...ALREADY BLOWN OVER FOR ME.







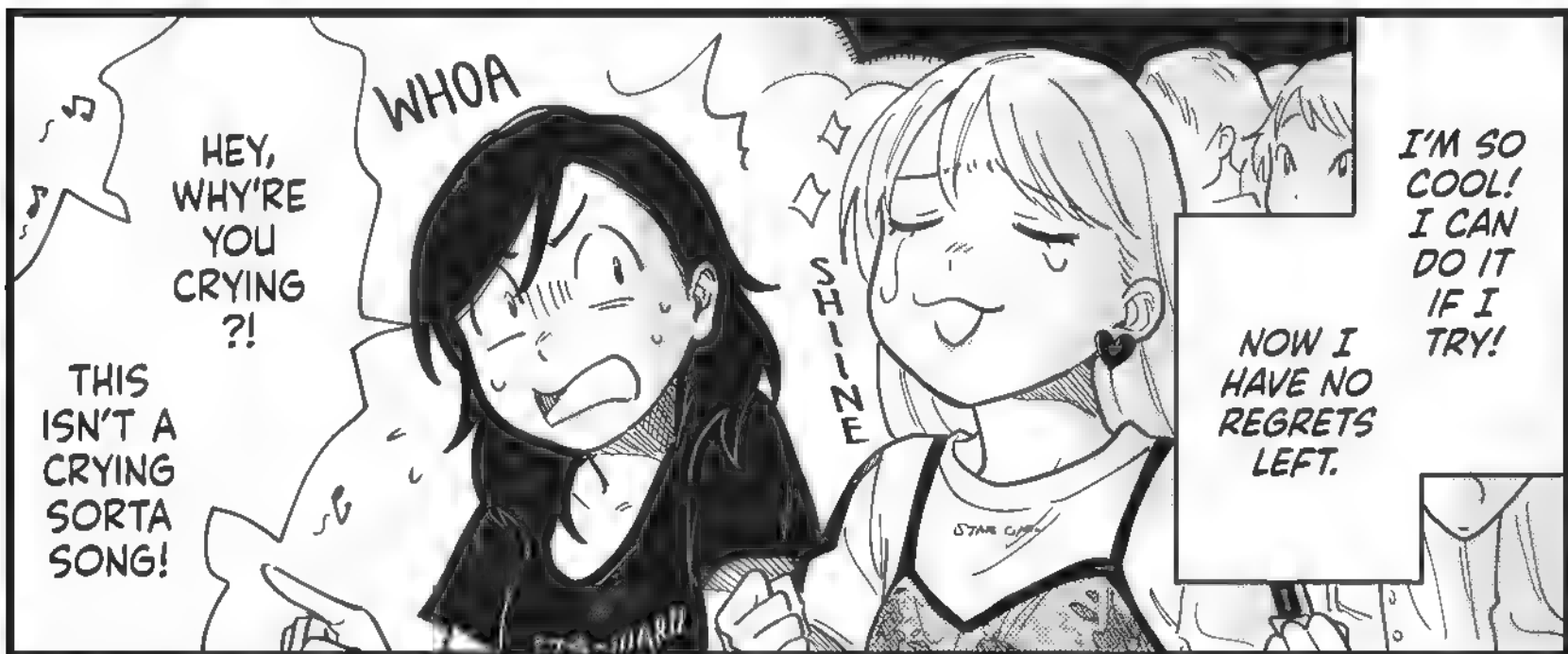




AND THE
CONCERT
IS GOING
WELL.

DID I
END UP
HELPING
THEM
AFTER
ALL...?

I
THINK SO.
THEY
MADE UP,
ANYWAY.



HEY,
WHY'RE
YOU
CRYING
?!

THIS
ISN'T A
CRYING
SORTA
SONG!

WHOA

SHINE

I'M SO
COOL!
I CAN
DO IT
IF I
TRY!

NOW I
HAVE NO
REGRETS
LEFT.



HMM
?

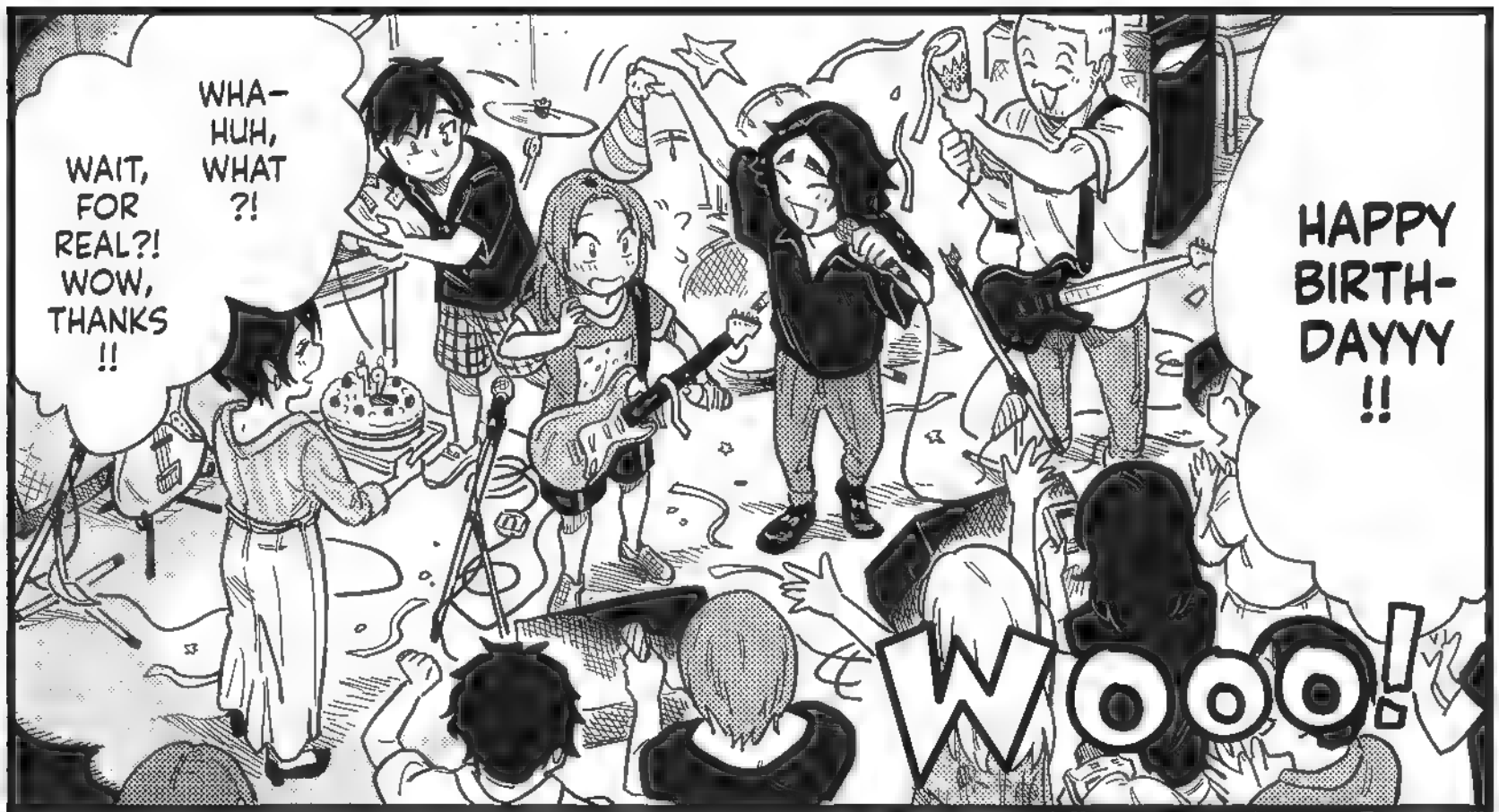
SAEKO
!

RUSTLE
RUSTLE



...
THERE'S
SOME-
THING
WE
WANTED
TO SAY!

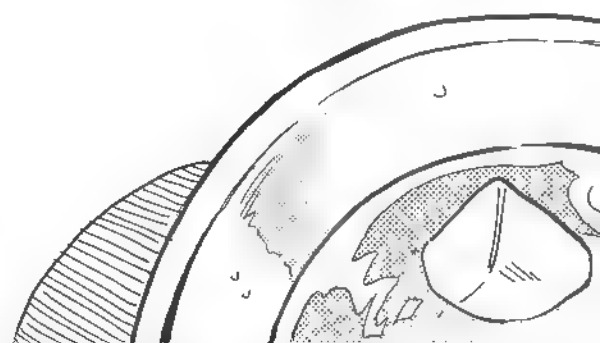
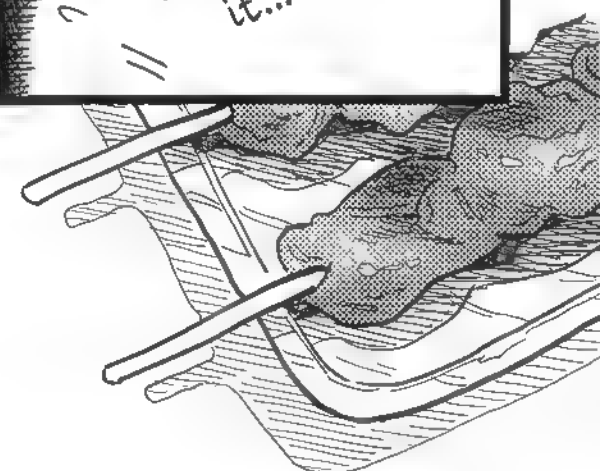
UM,
BEFORE
WE DO
OUR
LAST
SONG...






BUT NOW,
THEY'RE, LIKE,
REALLY IN
LOVE,
Y'KNOW?

HONESTLY, AT
FIRST I WAS
LIKE, WAIT...
TWO GIRLS
CAN DATE?





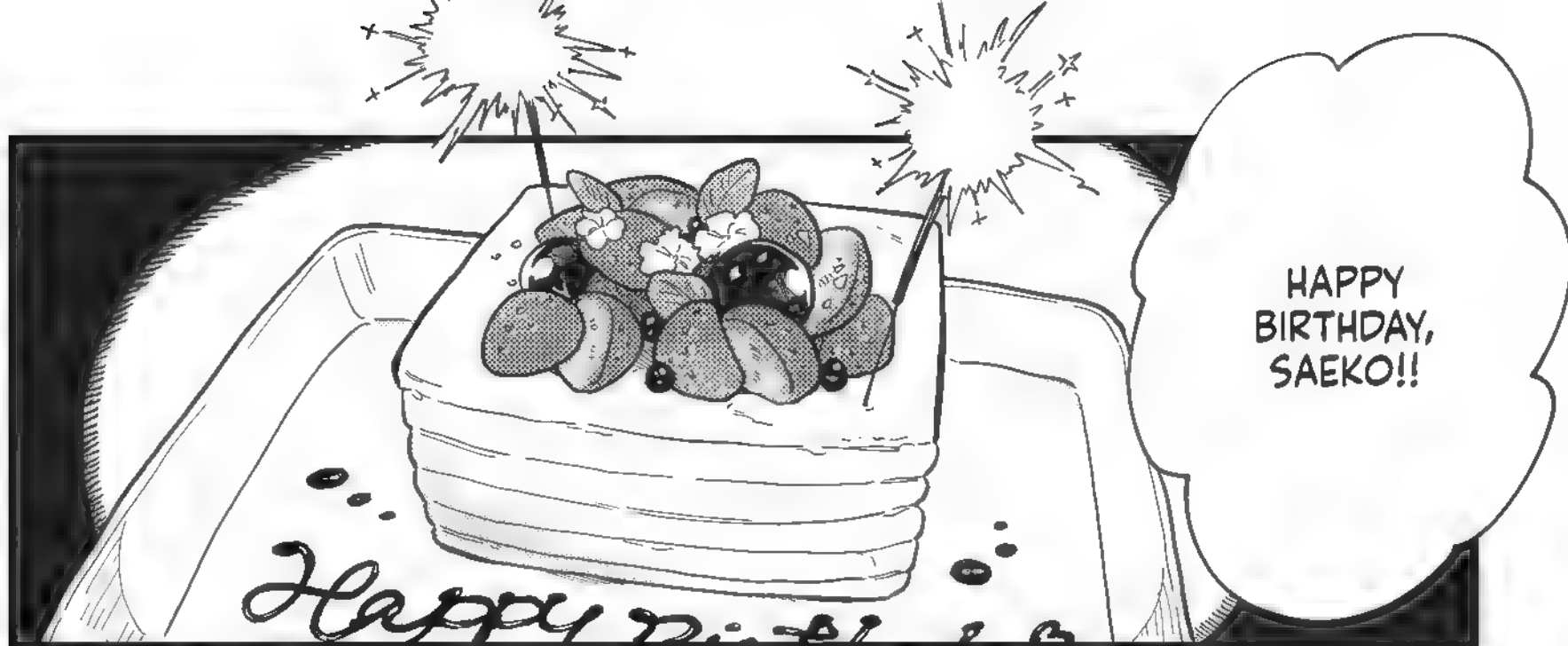
MAYBE NEXT
TIME I'LL TRY
TO FIND A REAL
LOVE LIKE THAT.

Hoh?!
Oh...

You can't
tease me with
somethin' like
that...

BUT FIRST
I'LL HAVE TO
GET RID OF ALL
MY FRIENDS-
WITH-
BENEFITS.

How Do We
RELATIONSHIP?





A-
ALTHOUGH
I GUESS
I AM THE
ONE WHO
ASKED
FOR A
SURPRISE.

AW,
WOW,
HOW
MUCH'RE
YOU
GONNA
GIVE ME
TODAY
?!



BUT,
I
MEAN
...



HUH
?!

I GOT
YOU A
PRESENT
TOO.

AH,
ACTU-
ALLY
...

SHF
SHF



...THINGS
HAVE BEEN
SO TOUGH
BETWEEN
US LATELY
...

...AND
YOU STILL
DID ALL
THIS STUFF
FOR ME?

AH
...



I...
HAD
FAITH
THAT
WE'D
MAKE
UP.

ALL
THOSE
THINGS
HAP-
PENED...
BUT
...

BESIDES,
IT'S ALL
RIGHT
NOW.

SQUEEZE



...I
PROM-
ISED.

WELL, I
MEAN...



FWMP

HEY, HOW 'BOUT I GO TO THE BATHROOM AND PUT THESE ON RIGHT NOW?

GO RIGHT AHEAD!



HONESTLY, I JUST GOT 'EM PIERCED ON A WHIM.

I'M GLAD I DID, BUT I REALIZED LATER THAT I'M NOT REALLY INTO CHANGING MY ACCESSORIES ALL THE TIME.



...BUT I'M GLAD I DIDN'T.

I WAS THINKIN' I'D JUST LET 'EM GROW OVER ALREADY ...



BUT THEN WE HAD EXAMS AND GRADUATION ...

I GUESS IT ALL JUST PETERED OUT ON ITS OWN.



I DIDN'T TAKE THEM OUT BECAUSE SHE GAVE ME THE SAME EARRINGS SO WE COULD MATCH.



...AND SHE WAS LIKE, LET'S PIERCE OUR EARS TOGETHER!

THERE WAS THIS GIRL I KINDA LIKED...



WAS THAT THE LAST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL?



BUT
DOING
IT LIKE
THIS...

IF I
WASN'T REALLY
SERIOUS ABOUT
THIS...

...IT'D BE NO
BIG DEAL FOR
ME TO PUT
THESE ON.

...IT'S LIKE
NOW I
TOTALLY
BELONG
TO MIWA.



THEY
FEEL A
LITTLE
HEAVY.

You'll
get
used to
that!

HEE
HEE.

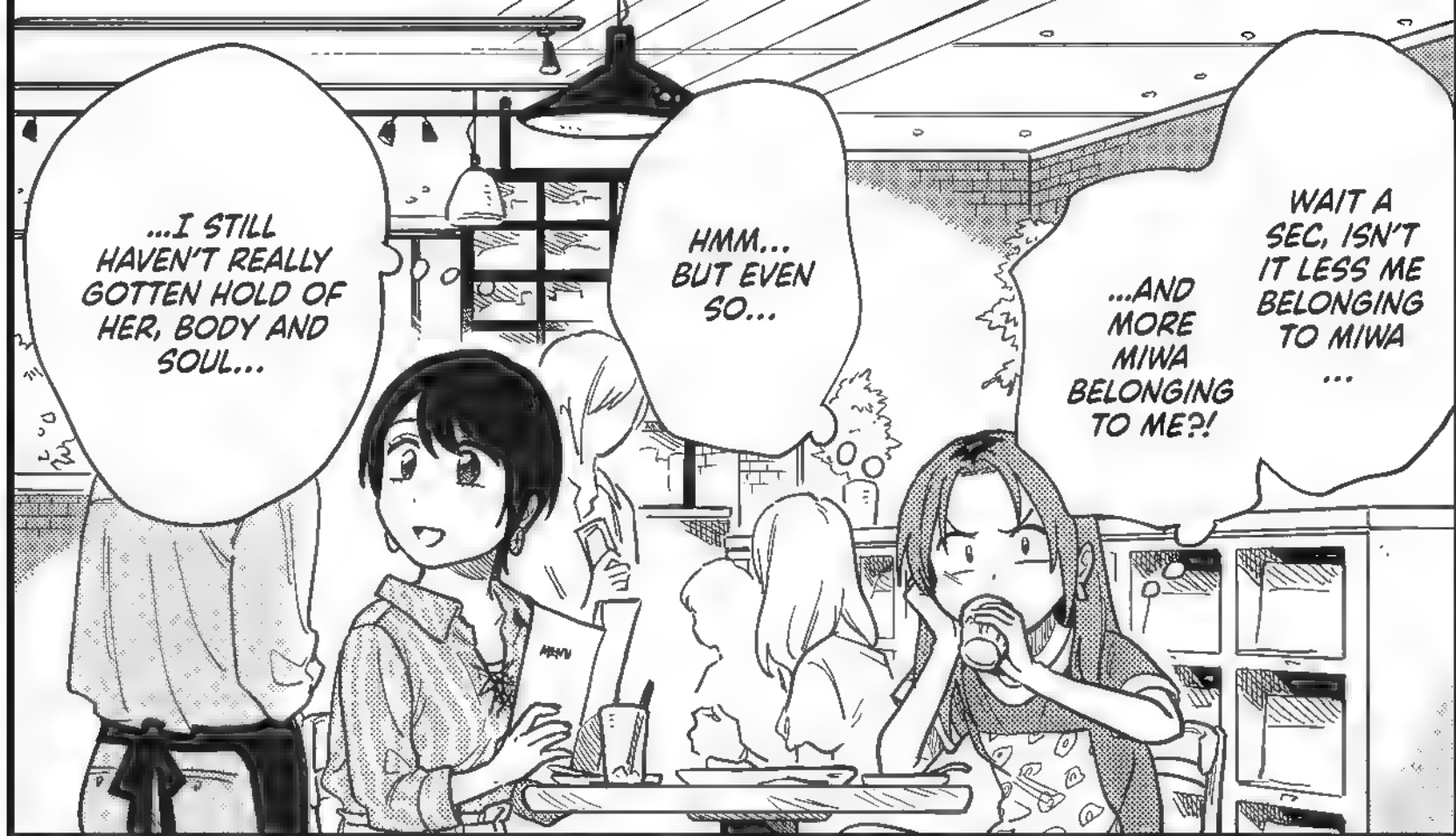
I
THINK
I LIKE
'EM,
TOO!

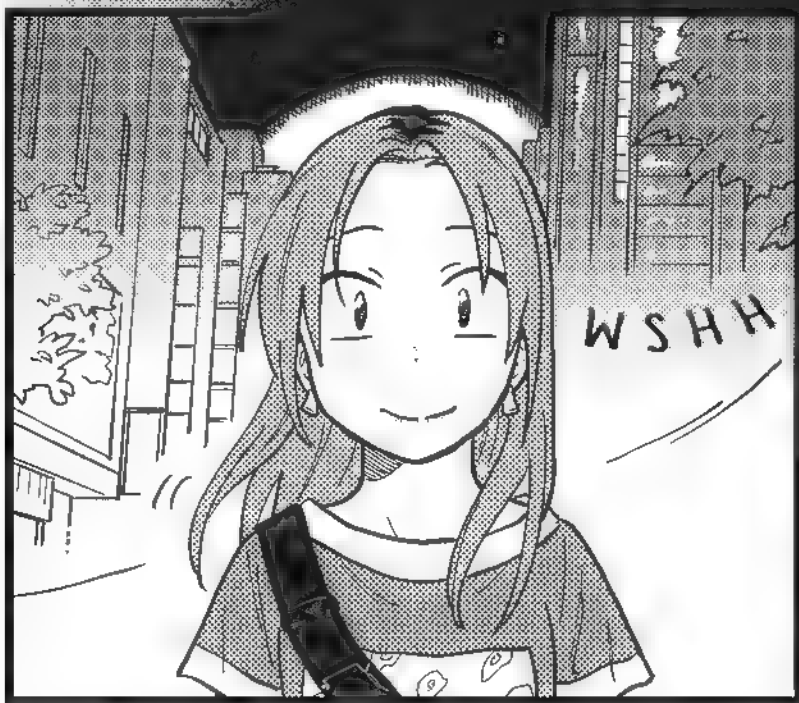


SAEKO,
THOSE
LOOK
JUST AS
GOOD AS
I HOPED!

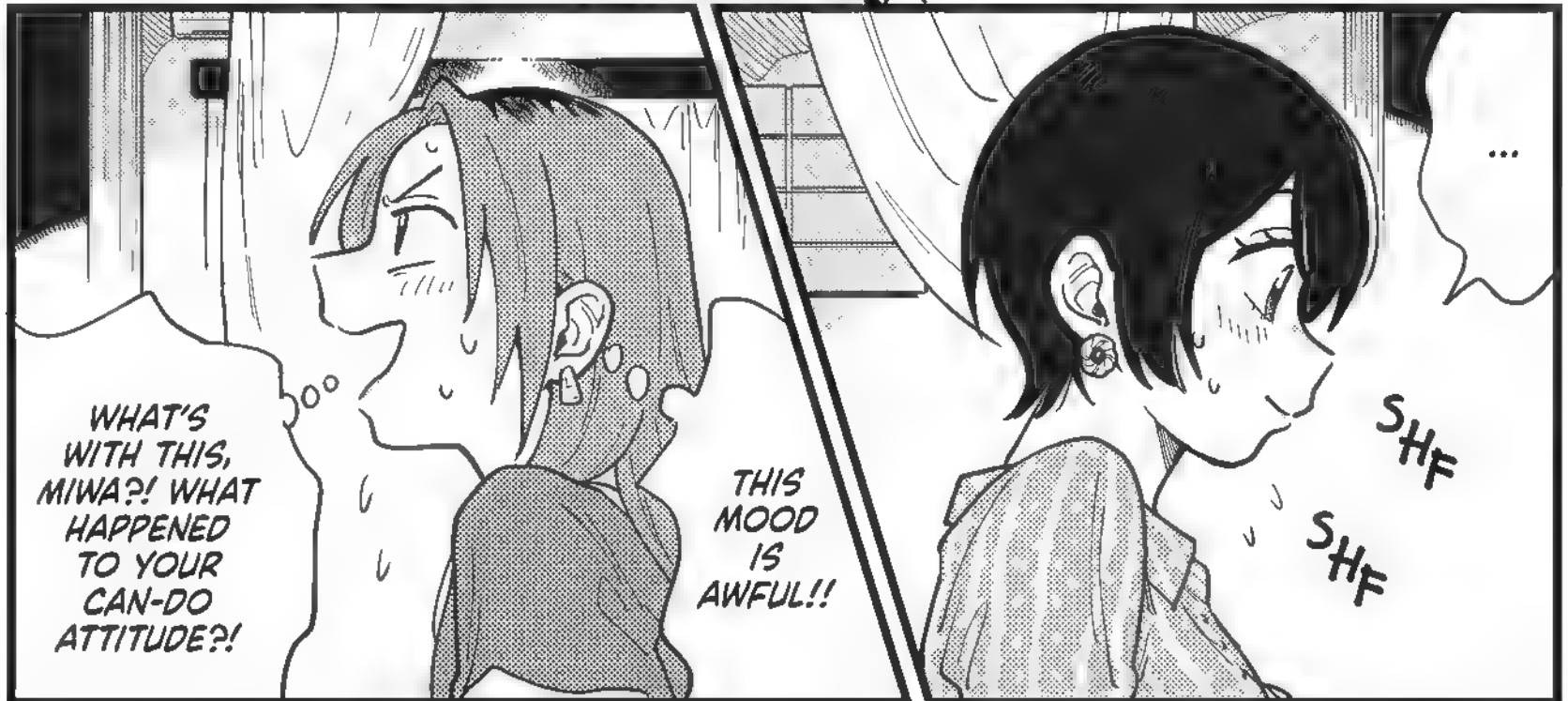
AH!

I'M
SO
GLAD
...





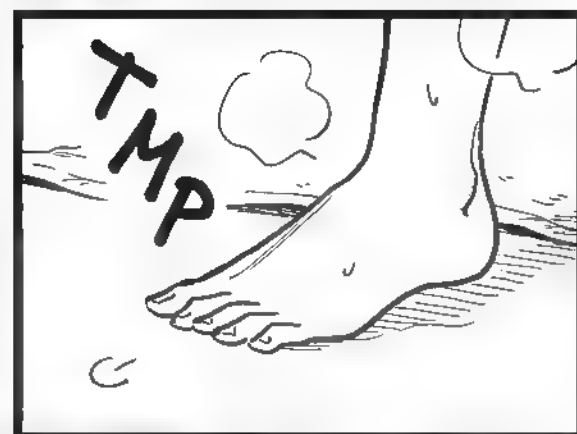
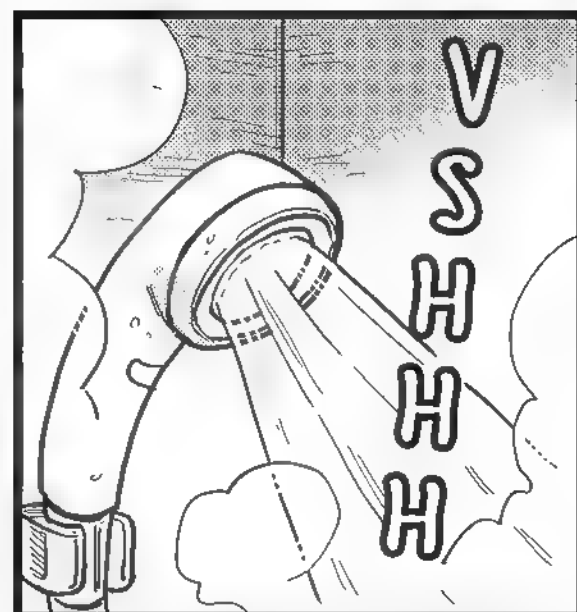






WELL,
I'M
DONE...

YOUR
TURN,
MIWA.



I CAN
SEE
YOUR
...

BUT...
YOU'RE
IN YOUR
UNDIES.



I'M
WEARING
CLOTHES.

YOU
CAME
OUT LIKE
THAT?!



COME
ON! EVEN
IF WE'RE
BOTH
GIRLS...

...AREN'T
YOU
EMBAR-
RASSED?

I
MEAN,
NO...?

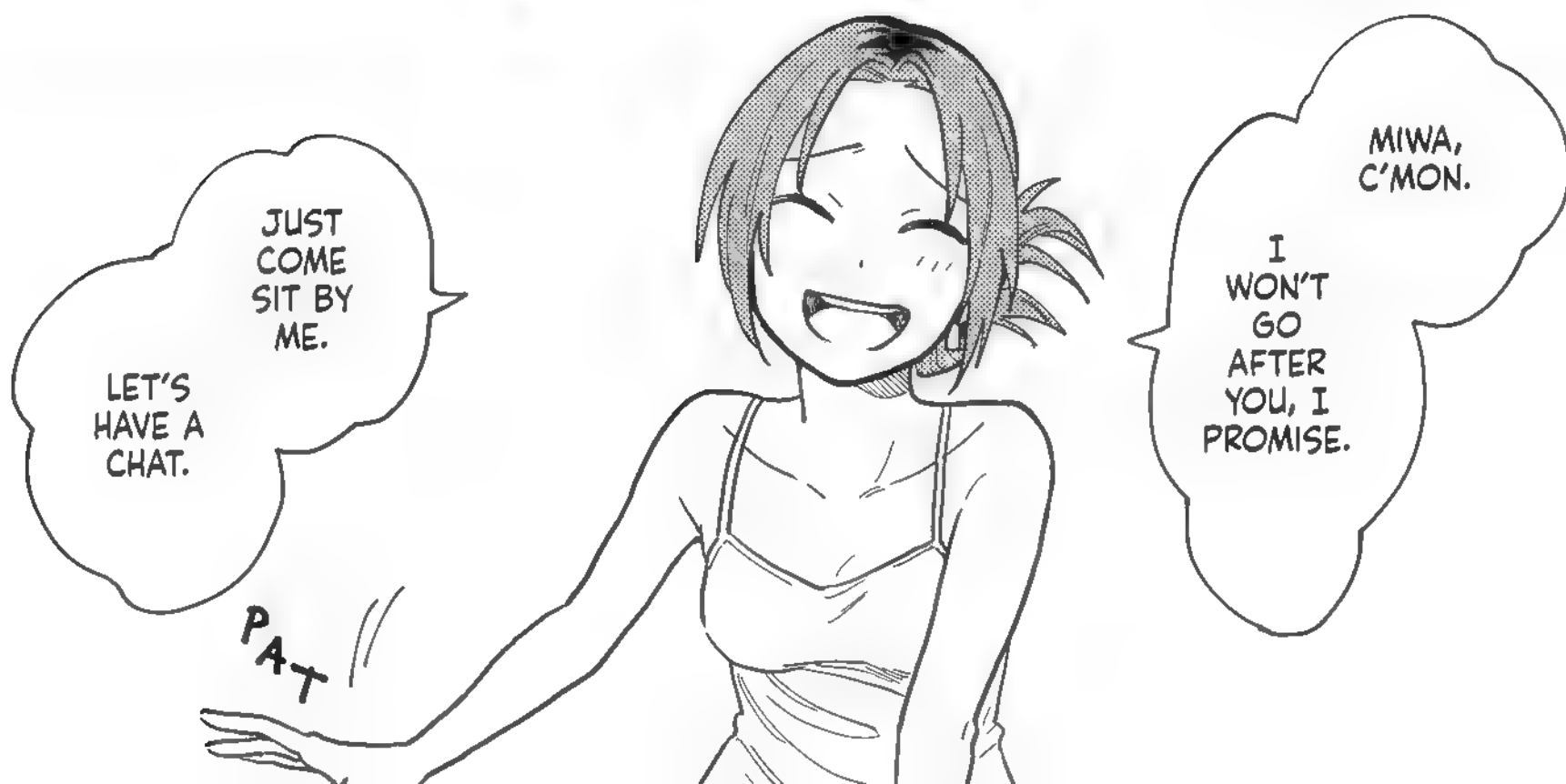
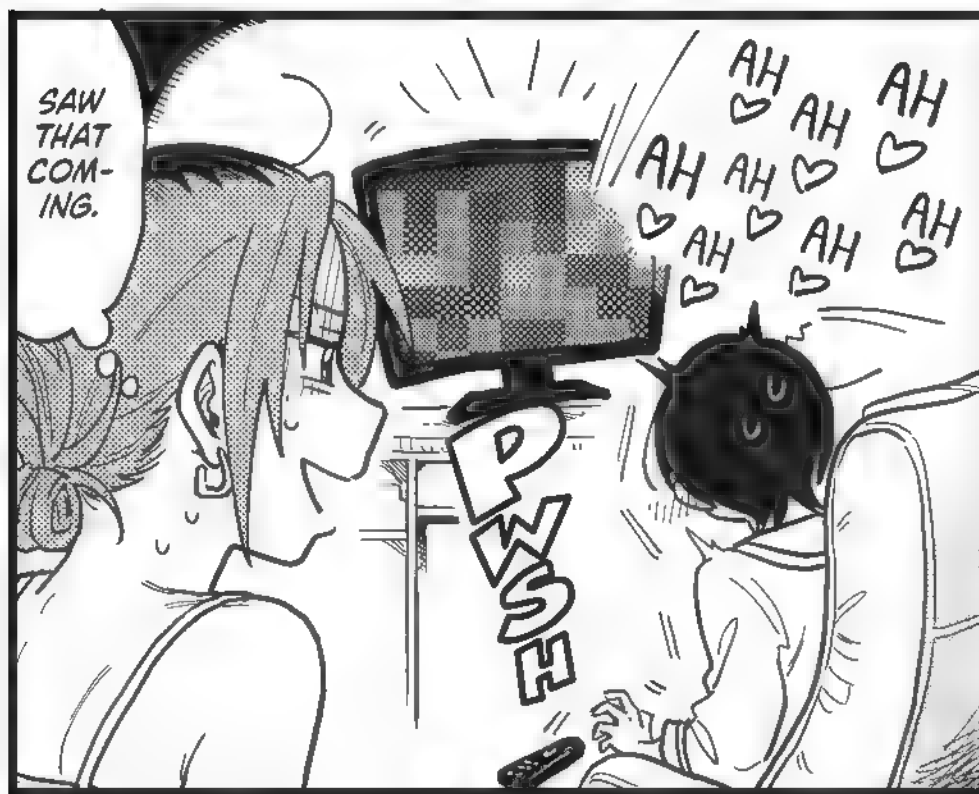


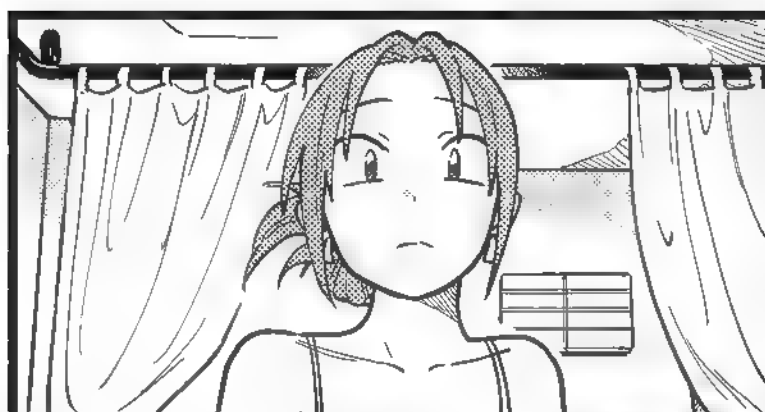
M-MIWA,
YOU'RE
SERIOUSLY
GOOFY!
YOU WERE
WAY TOO
FLUS-
TERED!

WE'RE
BOTH GIRLS,
RIGHT? ISN'T
THIS KINDA
THING
NORMAL??











SOMETIMES
I WONDER...
CAN YOU EVEN
CALL WHAT
TWO GIRLS DO
TOGETHER...

...SEX
?

YES.



THERE'S
A MORE
BASIC
ISSUE
AT
HAND!

ACTU-
ALLY!

AH

SEX
ISN'T
JUST...YOU
KNOW.



I'M
TELLING
YOU I JUST
DON'T
KNOW!

DO
YOU OR
DON'T
YOU?

YEAH, BUT
IF YOU DON'T,
THEN I'D
REALLY BE
FORCING YOU,
AND I JUST
CAN'T DO
THAT!



H-
HUH?

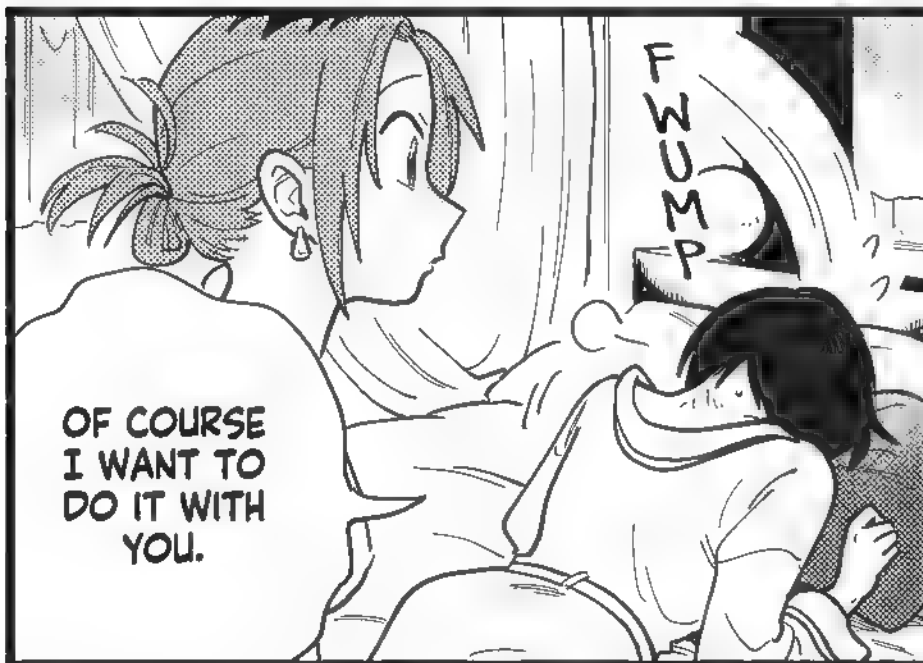
GEE,
I...
DON'T
KNOW
...

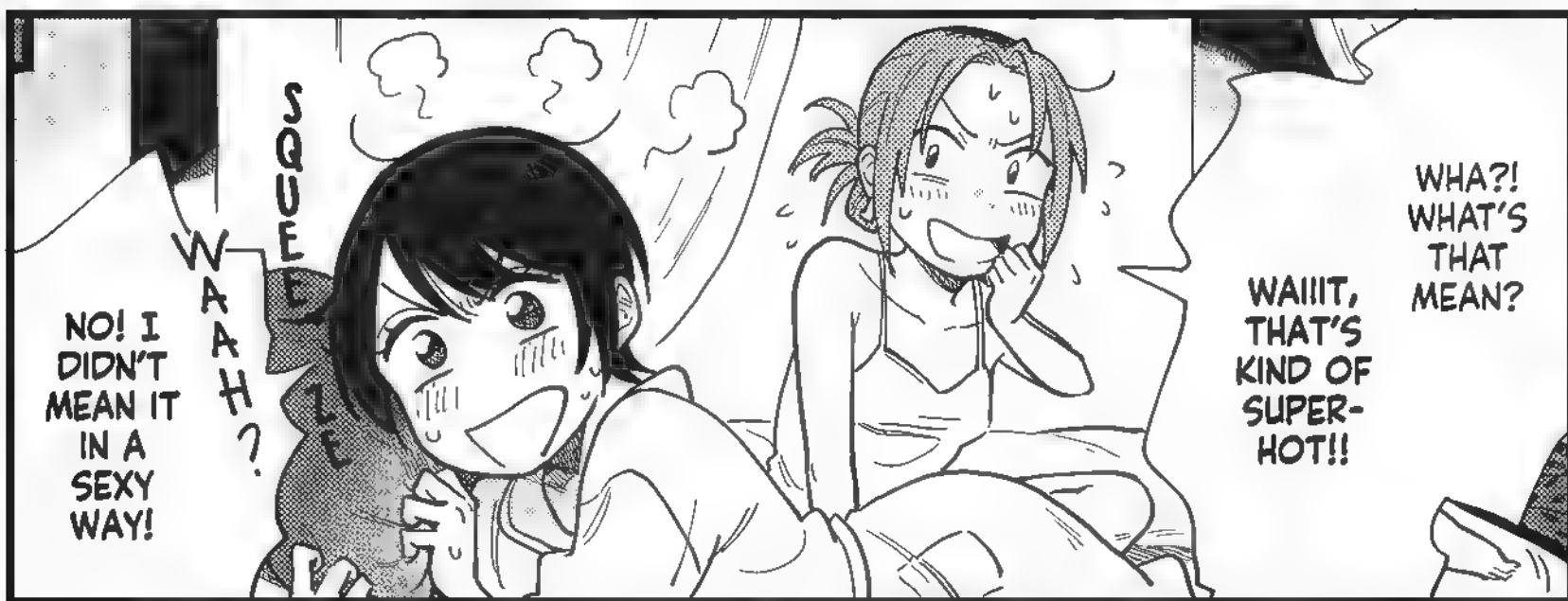
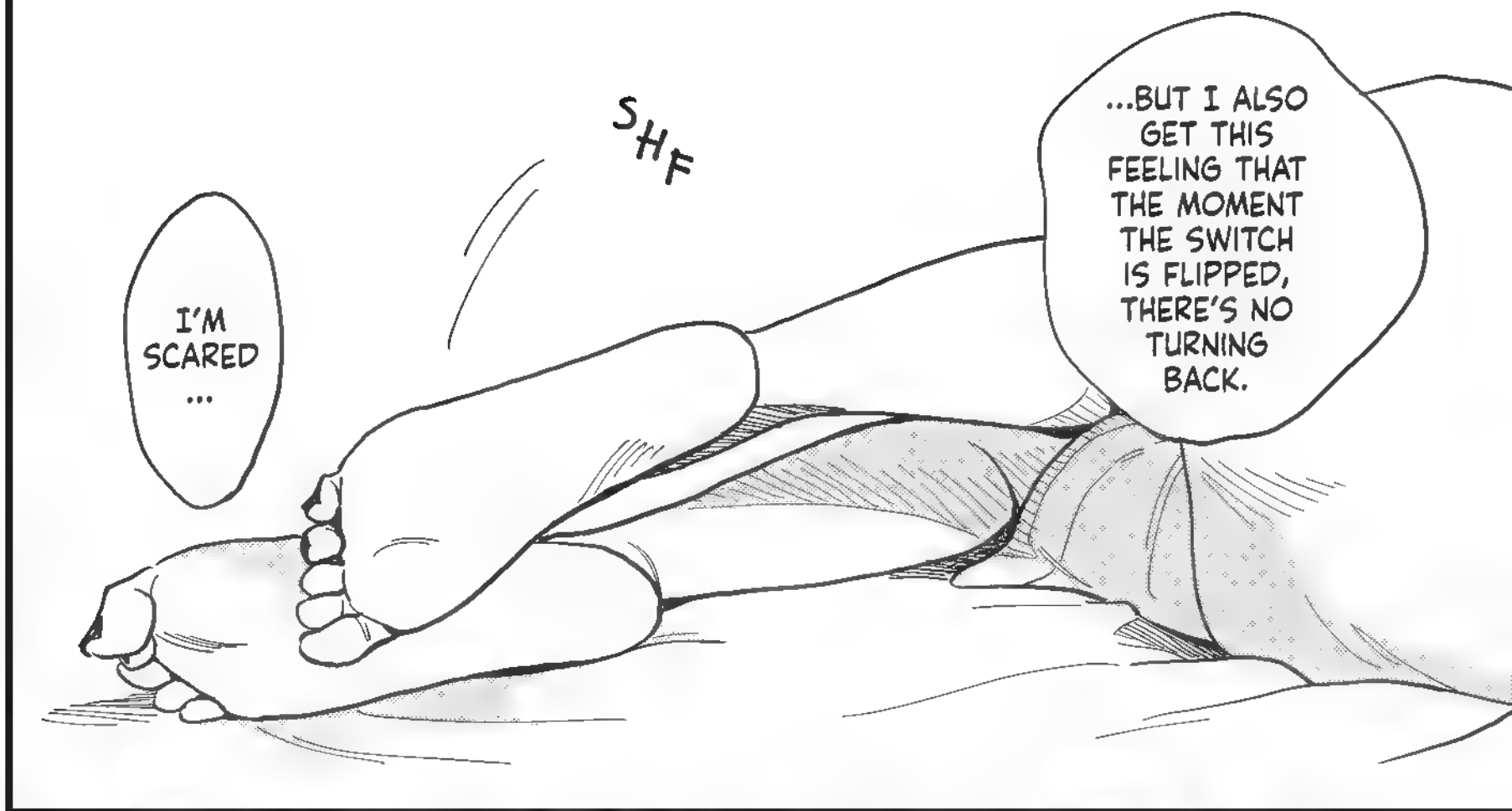
HEY,
COME
ON, I'M
BEING
SERIOUS
HERE!!

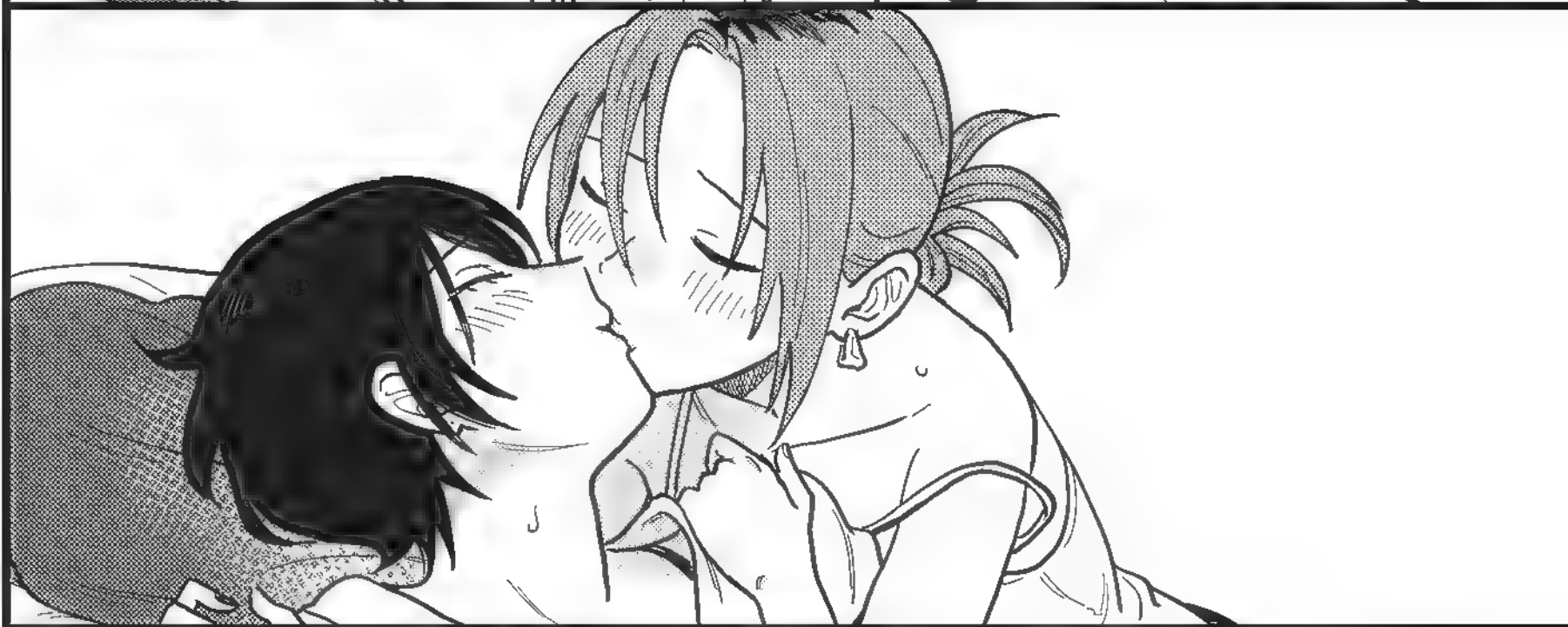
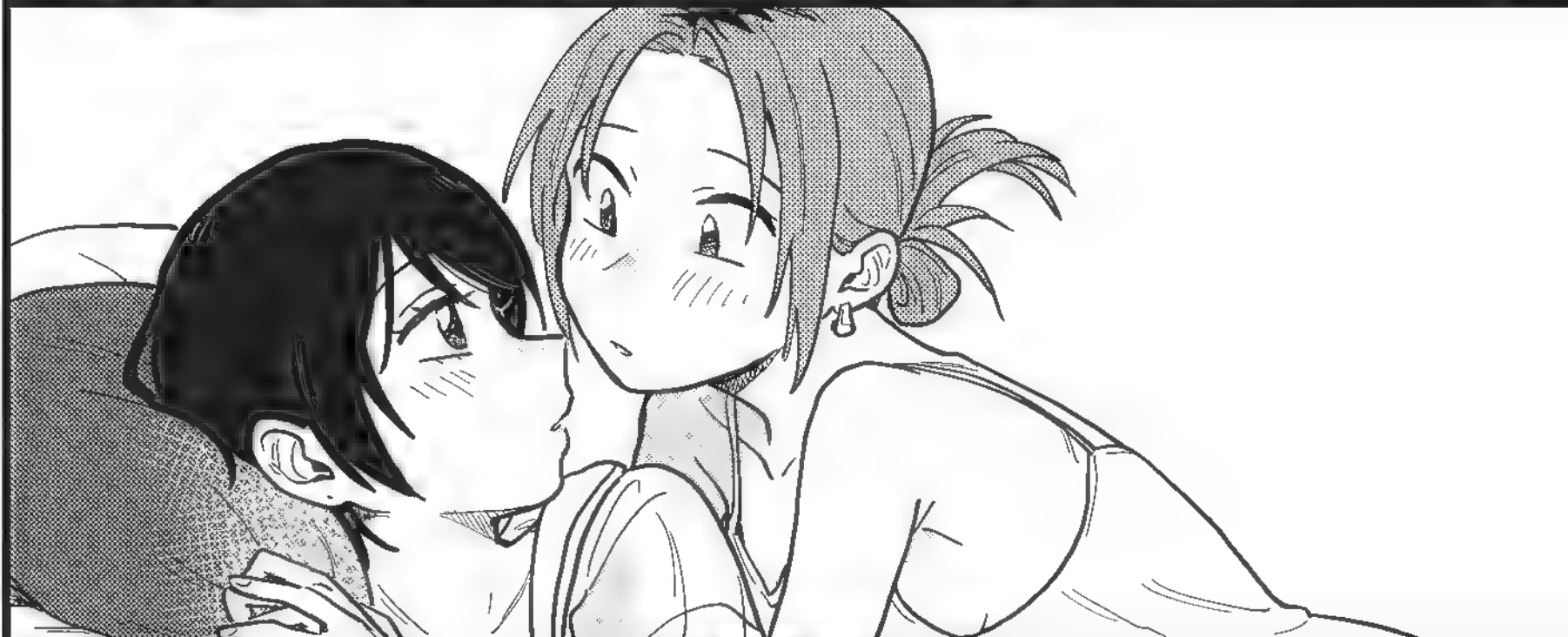
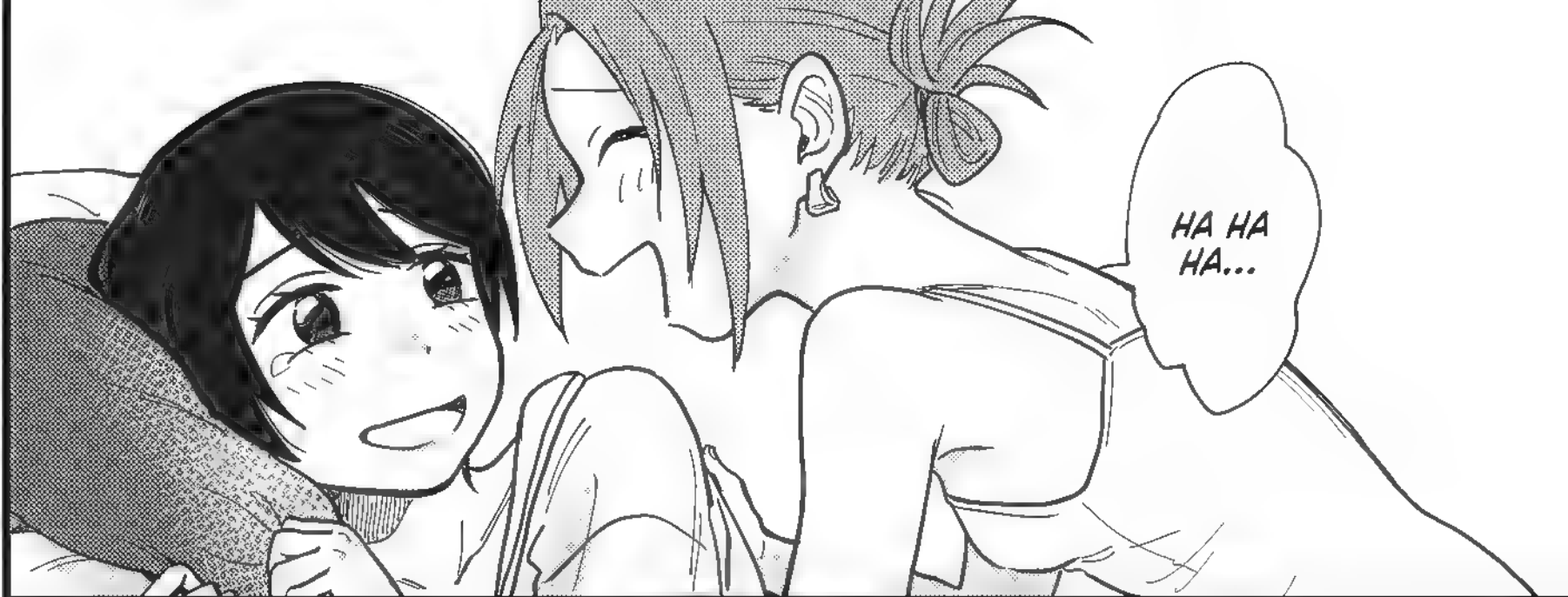


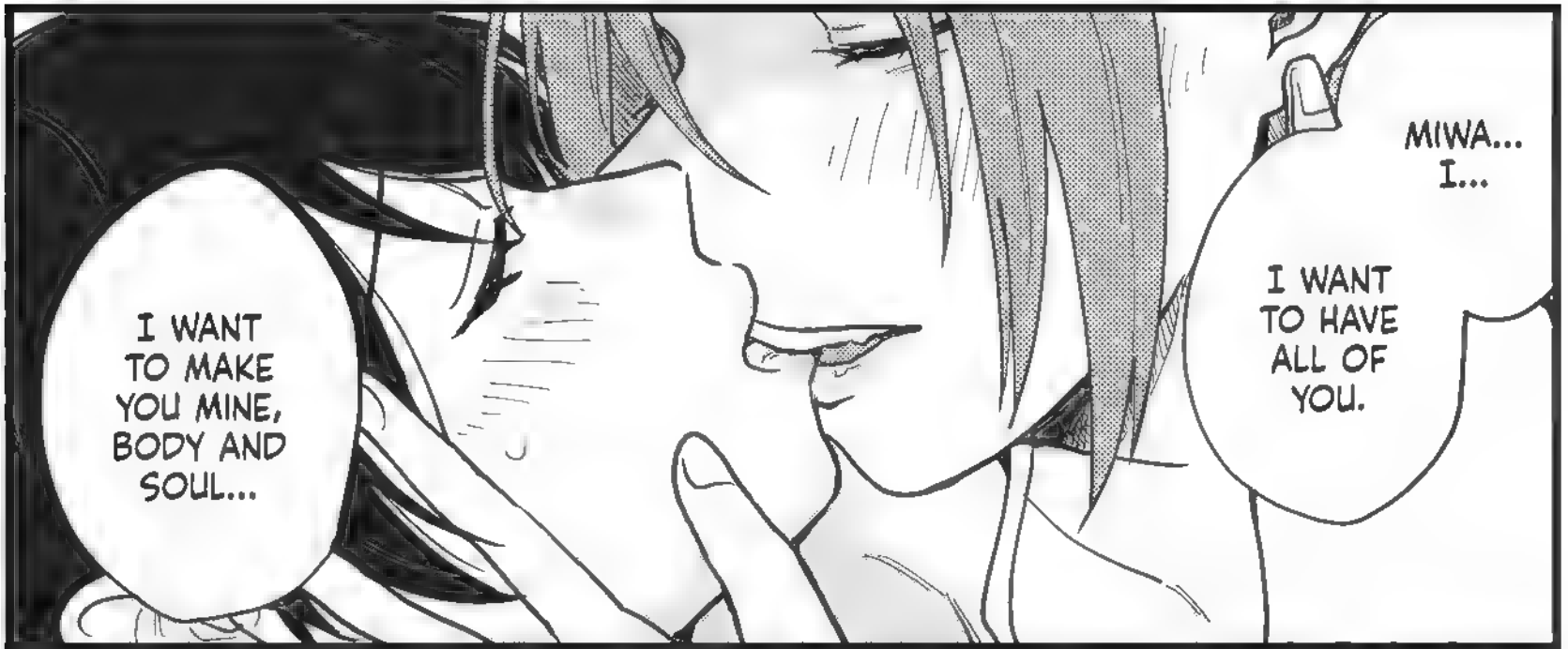
DO YOU
EVEN GET
HORNY,
MIWA?

HUH
?!









I WANT
TO MAKE
YOU MINE,
BODY AND
SOUL...

MIWA...
I...

I WANT
TO HAVE
ALL OF
YOU.



OKAY
...

...I
PROMISE...
I'LL BE SO
GENTLE...

FWSH

SAEKO
...

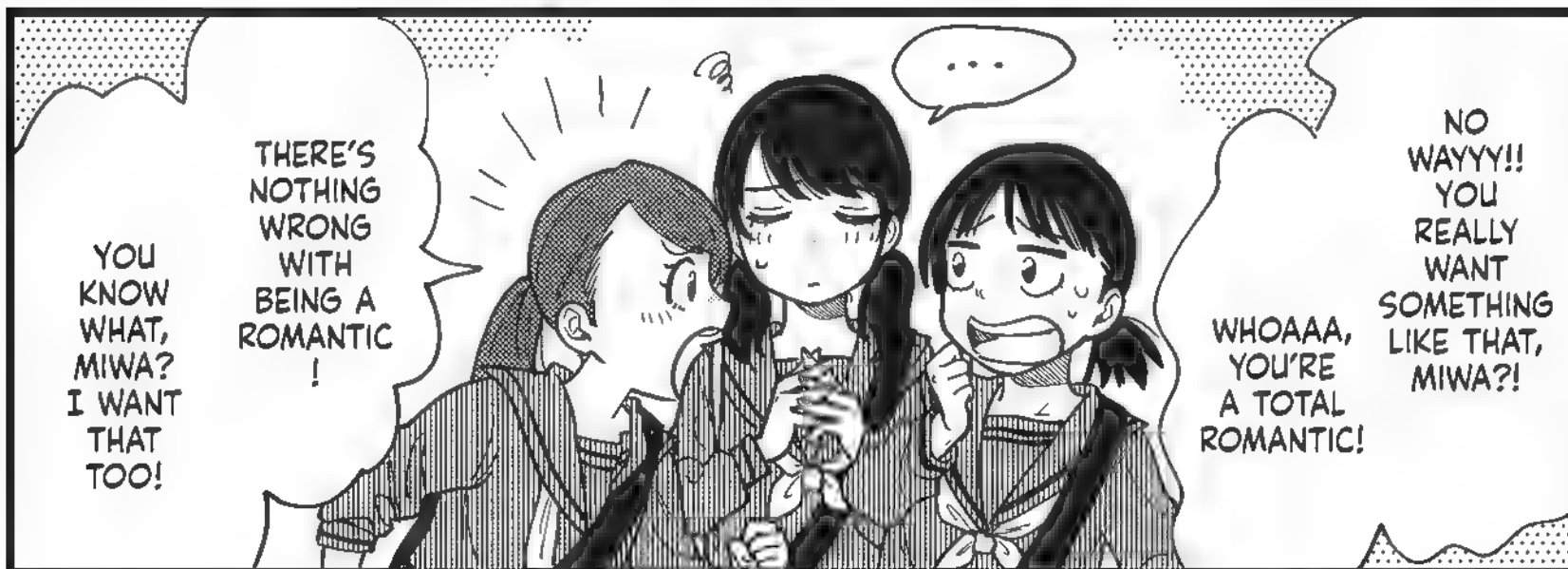
...TURN
OFF
THE
LIGHTS
...

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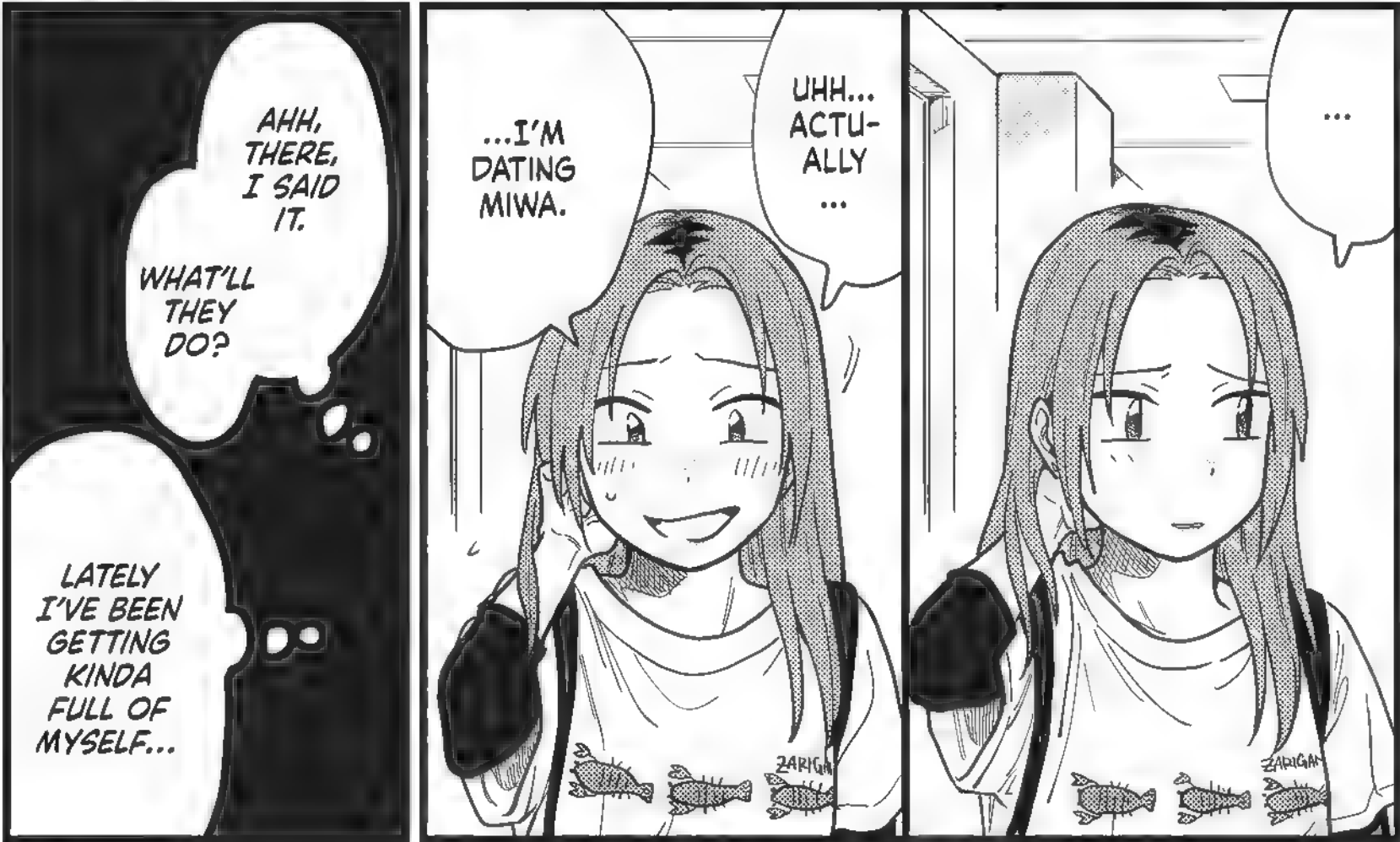
And That's How It Goes



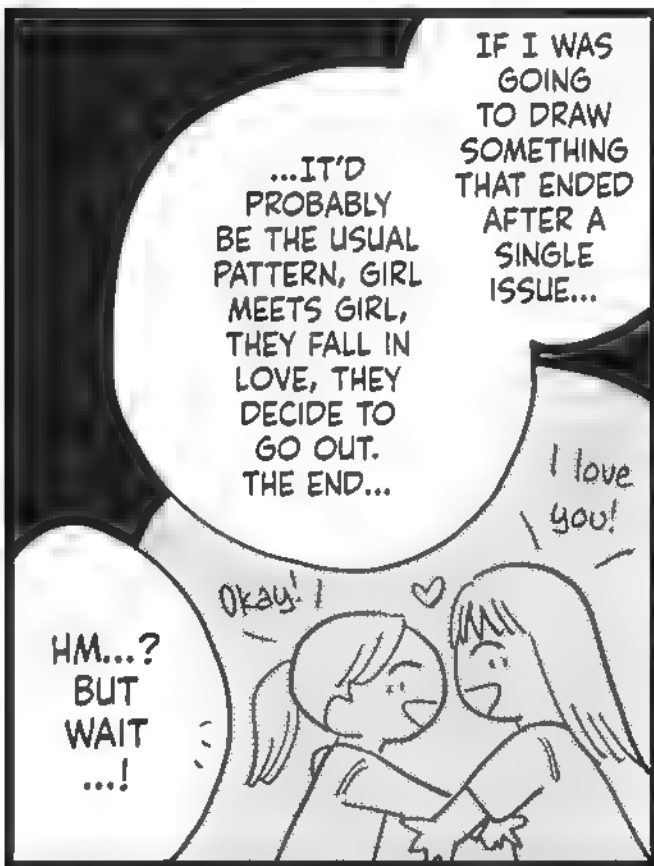
Ideal First Kiss



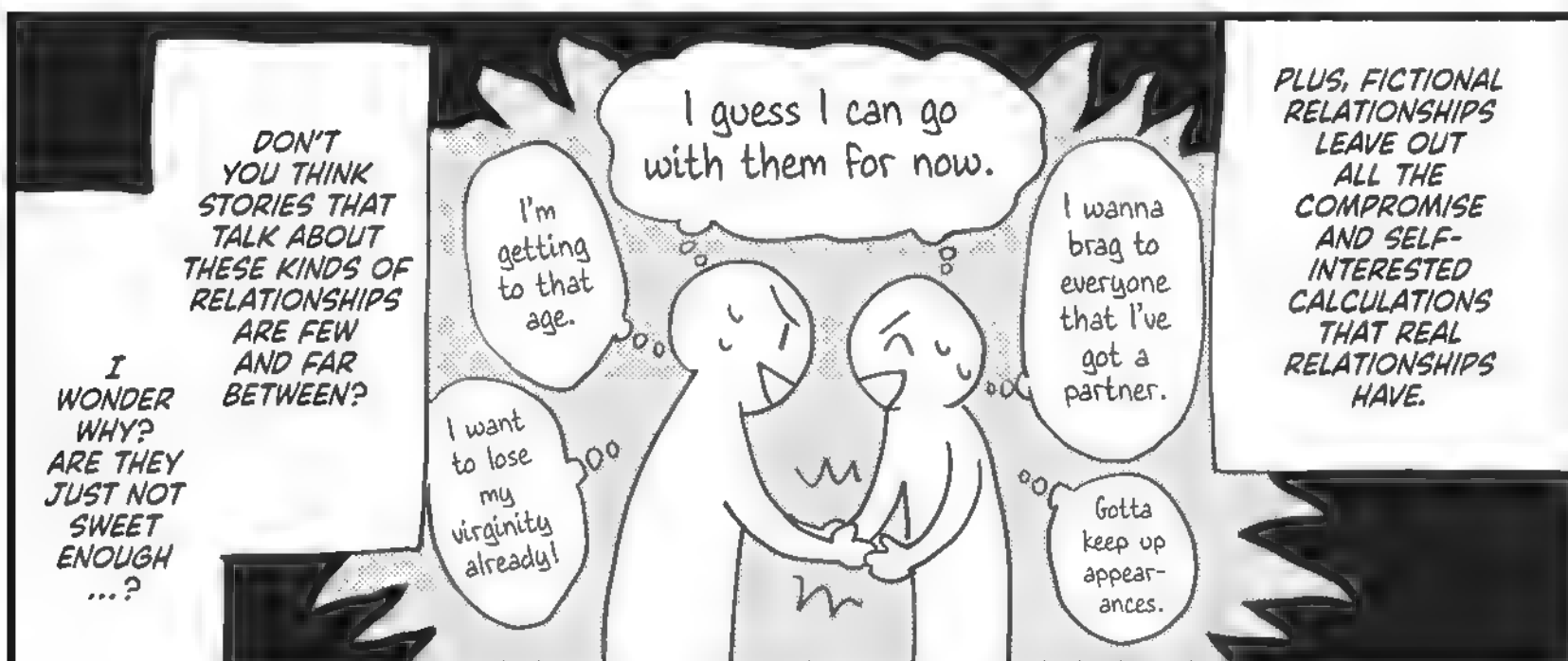
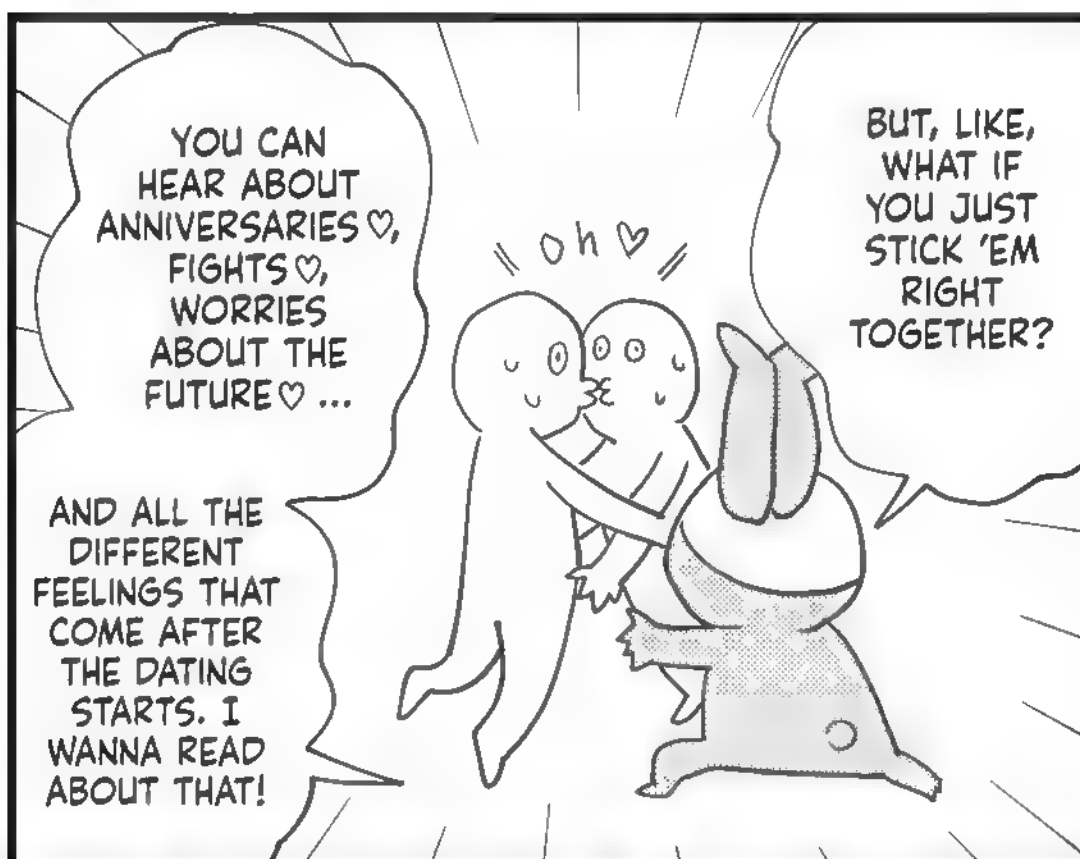
Their Reaction



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*Comitia is an indie-comics event.



IT'S NOT A
SO-CALLED PURE
ROMANCE, BUT
IT'S JUST FINE!
SO I THOUGHT
ABOUT THAT FOR
A WHILE...



...IS SO
INTERESTING
AND
DRAMATIC
TO ME THAT
I CAN HARDLY
STAND IT!

I kinda
hate him,
but he
told me he
liked me, so
we're going
out. //

BUT THE IDEA OF
A RELATIONSHIP
WHERE YOU'RE
TRYING TO LOVE
SOMEONE YOU'RE
NOT QUITE SURE
YOU EVEN LIKE...

Huh?!
Tell me
exactly how
that feels,
please...



"MY
RELATIONSHIP
ISN'T
PRETTY?
NO WAY!
OKAY!"

SO THOSE
ARE THE
KINDS OF
FEELINGS
I WANT
YOU TO
TAKE
AWAY
FROM
THE
STORY.

...AND I
CAME UP
WITH THE
TITLE
HOW DO WE
RELATION-
SHIP? IT'S
LIKE...

"NOT SURE
WHAT I'M
DOING, BUT
FOR NOW,
LET'S DATE,
OKAY?"



THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG WITH
A SILLY COMIC
LIKE THIS ONCE
IN A WHILE, IS
THERE?

IT'S
TOO
SIMPLE?
WELL...

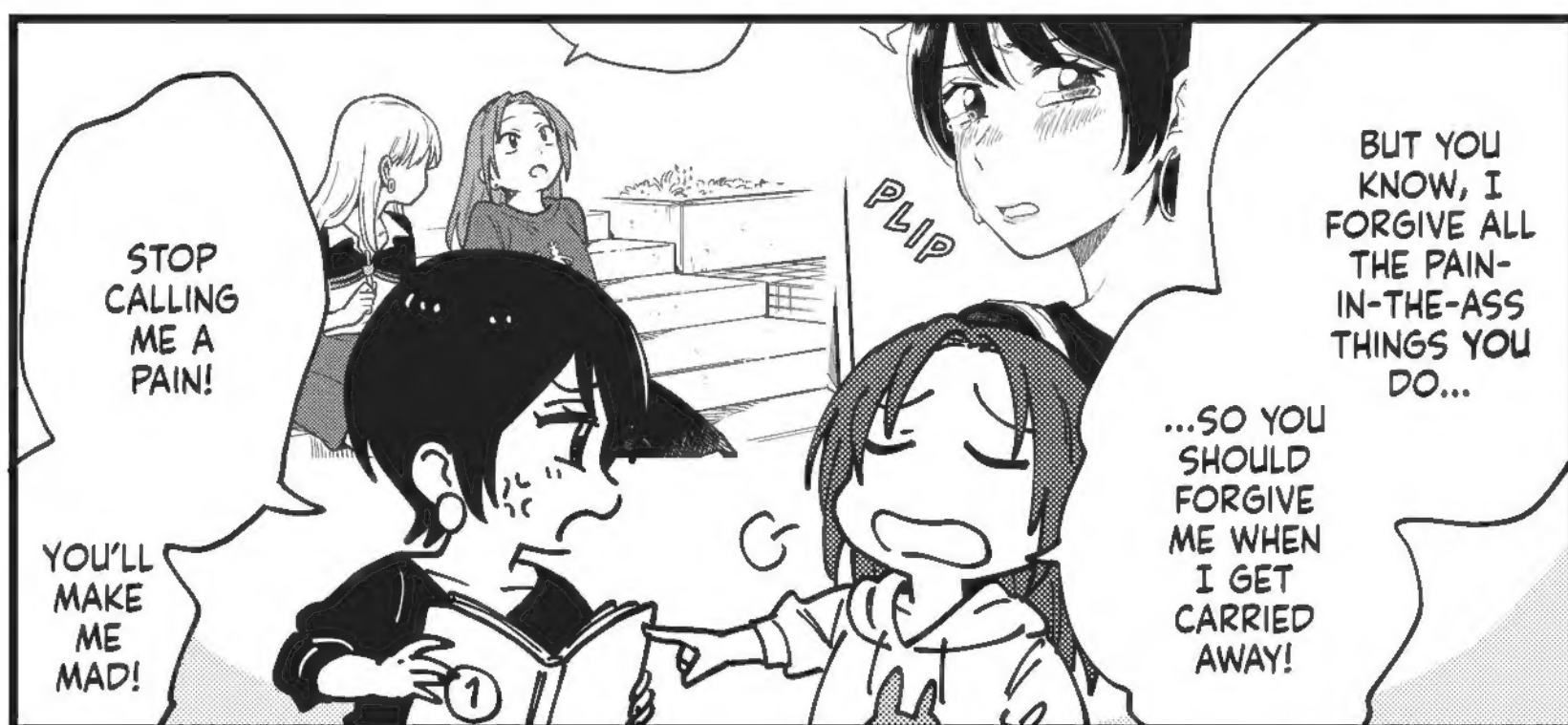
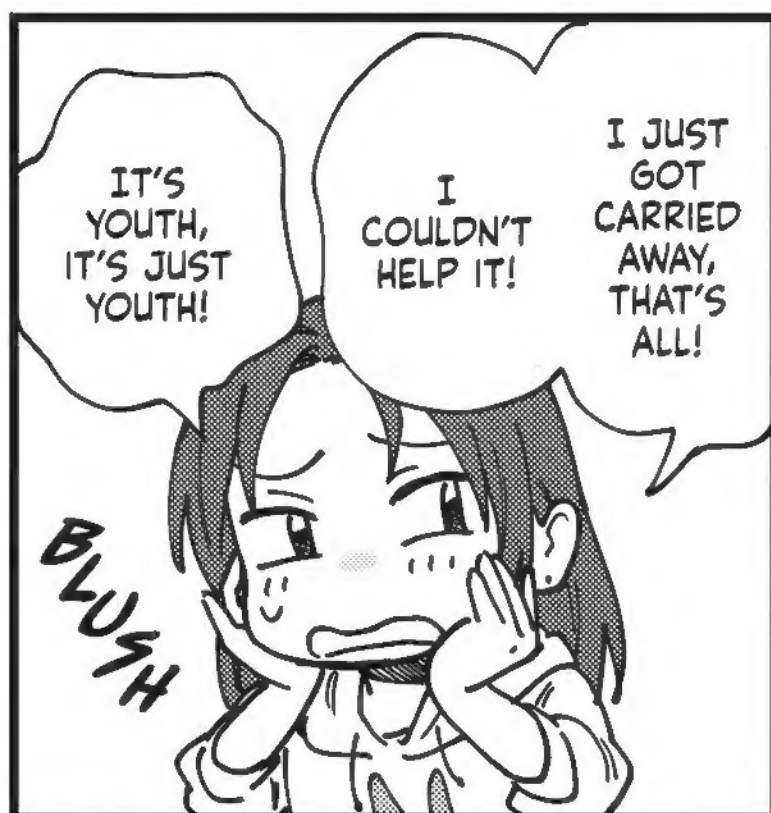


✿ The End ✿

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I feel as though the characters I drew in the margins of my notebook have come to life. Most of the story has been thought out already. It's as if Miwa and Saeko are creating their stories on their own, so I don't even know what'll happen in the next development.

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